

Workers! Attend Communist Party Picnic, East Shore Park, Richmond, Sunday, April 17

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## DEMONSTRATE THRUOUT WEST AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR; JAPAN MENACES SOVIET UNION

Workers Mobilize in San Francisco on 9th;  
Prelude to May Day Meets

Japanese Open New Assault on Chinese  
Masses; Gives Lie to Peace Talk

Joining the nation-wide demonstration against the imperialist war inciters, thousands of workers of the Bay region are expected to gather at Jackson and Kearny Streets, San Francisco, Saturday April 9, at 7 o'clock. Similar demonstrations are announced for Seattle, Portland, Aberdeen, Spokane, Bellingham, Tacoma and other cities of the West.

The united front call for the demonstration has been issued jointly by the All-America Anti-Imperialist League and the Friends of the Soviet Union, and is receiving the full support of all militant working-class organizations.

### PRELUDE TO MAY DAY

The demonstration will protest the attack upon the Chinese and Manchurian masses, the plans for an imperialist assault upon the Soviet Union, and against the wage-cutting and terror activities of the bosses of the United States.

At the same time the demonstration will be a prelude to the gigantic May Day demonstrations which are being planned throughout the West.

### CONFERENCE NEXT MAY

The day following the San Francisco demonstration, a United Front Anti-War Conference will be held under the auspices of the Anti-Imperialist League and the Friends of the Soviet Union.

## CALL FOR UNITED FRONT IN FIGHT OF THE PAINTERS

Urge End of Splitting Tactics;  
Meeting in San Francisco  
on April 13th

Calling upon the rank and file painters of San Francisco and Oakland to organize a sharp fight against the splitting and disruptive actions of the Fleming-Green-Harris clique of the National Painters' Union, which prevents an effective struggle against the wage-cutting offensive of the painter bosses and the A. F. of L. bureaucrats, the Building Trades Workers Industrial League, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League, has issued a call for a mass meeting on Wednesday evening, April 13, at 1507 Eddy Street, corner Fillmore, San Francisco.

### UNITY NEEDED

Headed "Painters, Stop Splitting! Let's Get Together for Militant Struggle!" the calls, which is endorsed by the United Front Committee, says:

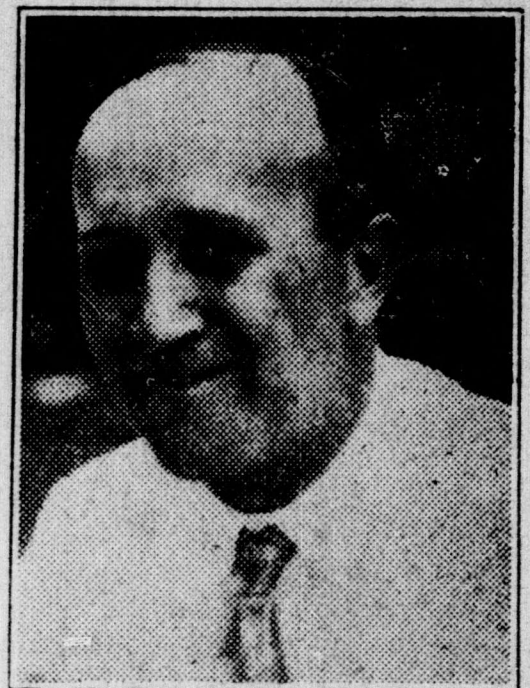
"As long as our ranks are split, we will not be able to restore the \$2.00 per day cut from our wages. The new National Painters' Union, which promised to undertake a fight to restore the \$9.00 wage scale, is unable to do so because any action by the militant workers in that union is paralyzed by the tactics of Fleming, Green, Harris and other officials who are following the policy of keeping the rank and file of all painters split. The Fleming clique, while speaking noisily about 'one big industrial union,' now shows its true colors by breaking away from the only real industrial union, the Trade Union Unity League.

"The fight to restore the \$9.00 wage scale is being openly opposed by the A. F. of L. bureaucrats.

"How are we fixed for the struggle now? Some painters are in the A. F. of L. locals. Some painters are in the new National Painters' Union, and most of the painters are unorganized either because they were never taken into the union or they have left the union since.

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## Workers' Candidate



William Z. Foster, nationally known working-class leader, who, with W. J. Ford, Negro worker, are the candidates for President and Vice-President of the Communist Party in the coming election.

## Workers of San Jose Nail Lies Spread By Packers About Union

SAN JOSE, April 5.—In an effort to discredit the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial League, the bosses of San Jose are spreading slanderous tales that the league sold the names of the strikers last year to the California Packing Corporation officials.

### VICIOUS LIE

The purpose of this vicious lie is obvious. The bosses know that the league is determined to lead the workers in a real fight against worsening conditions and wage cuts. As a matter of fact the bosses have the names and addresses on payroll files, and know precisely who struck and who scabbed.

### PAYING 25c AN HOUR

Five big canneries are now packing spinach in San Jose: California Packing Co., No. 3 and No. 4, Pratt Low, Biegler Bros. and Richmond Chase. The Sutter Packing Co. is operating in Mayfield. The stagger system is used—three days on and three off.

According to capitalist press reports, the canneries will only run to 75 per cent capacity of last year. Fifty per cent is closer to the truth.

### CUT OFF RELIEF

Thousands of men and women through the cannery offices each morning, seeking work. To make matters worse, the "charities" have cut off relief, and there is a rumor that even the miserable flophouse and breadline in West San Jose will be closed up.

Workers are urged to get in touch with the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial League, 81 Post Street, San Jose, Calif.

## Stop S. F. Sport Meet

San Francisco police on April 3 prevented the workers' city sport meet at Balboa High School field and gym, after permission had been granted by the Boards of Education and Recreation. The meet was organized by the city Counter-Olympic committee, as one of the many primary games in preparation for the coming section San Francisco meet on May 20.

## DRIVE ON FOREIGN- BORN WORKERS NOW ON IN NORTHWEST

Persecution of Loggers and Road Workers

ASTORIA, Or., April 5.—A vicious drive against the foreign-born of this section of the state is anticipated as a result of an announcement just made here that only native-born workers are to be used hereafter in Clatsop county.

Not only the work is limited to native-born, but only those actually living in the county will be considered for employment. This is made clear from an announcement made by Louis Schairer, secretary of the county unemployment committee.

Efforts will be made to have all logging camps in the county hire local labor, he said. At the same time he announced that an investigation was under way regarding the statement that the government is using "outside" labor in a sounding survey conducted at the mouth of the Columbia River, and "a correction of such practice sought."

## Jobless of Spokane Force City Bosses to Keep 'Promises'

SPOKANE, April 1.—More than 2000 workers marched upon the court house here today to demand that the promises given the 1500 workers on March 29 be kept.

The first of the two hunger marches was dispersed when the county commissioners promised to open a county commissary for distribution of food to unemployed families. The commissioners agreed to this in order to prevent the workers from being forced by hunger to take food from the stores and restaurants. The fake promise failed to disband the workers.

Today, the bosses saw that the organized jobless workers were determined to force them to give relief. The workers stood their ground, until the demanded action was taken.

## FIGHT GROWS TO RESCUE INNOCENT SCOTTSBORO BOYS

Alabama High Court Sanctions  
Legal Lynching

### Mass Protest Grows

I. L. D. Fights Imperial Valley  
Parole Conditions

Angry protests against the upholding by the Alabama state supreme court of the death verdict against the seven young Scottsboro Negro defendants and determination to rouse mass protest of the workers to save the boys, is reported from a large number of cities of the West, including Denver, Salt Lake City, Butte, Portland, Ore., and San Francisco.

Framed up on a fake "rape" charge, with a lynch mob howling outside the courtroom, the case has aroused millions of workers throughout the world as a result of the energetic efforts of the International Labor Defense and the Communist Party in mobilizing sentiment against the lynch verdict.

### MILLIONS PROTEST

The Alabama state court's decision came after months of delay, during which time they were deluged with thousands of cables, telegrams and letters demanding the immediate release of the framed-up Negro boys.

The appeal which the I. L. D. is taking to the U. S. Supreme court automatically delays the sentence of execution set for May 13 by the Alabama court.

Forced by the crudity of the perjured evidence to dissent from the decision of the Alabama bosses' court, Judge John C. Anderson, chief justice, admitted that the defendants did not get a fair and impartial trial.

While spurring its fight to save Scottsboro boys, the California I. L. D. is placing a vigorous demand before the State Board of Terms and Parole to change the conditions of parole in the cases of Carl Sklar, Tsuji Horiuchi and Eduardo Herrera, three of the six Imperial Valley prisoners.

April 14 marks the second anniversary of the epochal Imperial Valley case, which was an outgrowth of bitter struggles of the Mexican, Filipino and Negro workers against brutal speed-up and exploitation in the factory-fields of the valley.

Forced by mass pressure the Prison Board has reduced the sentences of the seven Imperial Valley prisoners from 14 years to five years, with paroles that will free the last Imperial Valley militant, Lawrence Emery, on February 18, 1933. Oscar Erickson and Danny Roxas will be released on paroles July 18, 1932. Herrera is scheduled for deportation on April 28, 1932. Orozco was deported to Mexico last November.

### SKLAR AND HORIUCHI VICTIMIZED

The Prison Board decreed that Sklar and Horiuchi "be paroled in (Continued on P. 5, Col. 5)

## Represents Workers



Edward A. Sandler, Communist candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles, Calif. More than 17,000 workers voted for him when he ran for member of the Board of Education last year.

## ACTIVITY GROWS IN L. A. DRIVE FOR CANDIDATE

Sandler Reveals Miserable Conditions of Workers; Offers Program

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 5.—"Exposure of graft among Los Angeles judges and of the corruption of a 'race-ship racket' are not sensational," Edward A. Sandler, Communist candidate for mayor said last night in a statement to the press. Los Angeles workers had piled up 17,500 votes for Sandler when he ran for Board of Education in the last November election. "Graft and corruption are (Continued on P. 5, Col. 6)

## SEATTLE WELFARE GANG BACK PLAN FOR CHEAP LABOR

Aim to Recruit Jobless Under  
Pauper Wage Scheme For  
Fish Canners

(Special to the Western Worker)

SEATTLE, April 5.—The G. P. Halferty Company of Seattle, which promised to hire 1,000 workers within thirty days, is reported to be dicker with the charity outfits, soup-line managers and flophouse directors to hire workers in their famous speed-up fish canneries at the lowest possible wage.

This scheme exposes the complete bankruptcy of the Seattle relief associations. By connecting up with the Halferty bosses they can cover up their inability to care for the unemployed, by sending them (Continued on P. 5, Col. 6)

## UNITED FRONT CONFERENCE MAPS OUT NEW PLANS TO SPEED SIGNATURE DRIVE FOR PUTTING COMMUNIST PARTY ON BALLOT

Delegates Tell of Progress of Campaign in Stockton, Los Angeles,  
Sacramento and Other Cities

Only Three Weeks Left to Achieve Quota of 23,000 Signatures;  
McKendrick and Branch on State-Wide Tour

72 delegates representing 16 unions, Party units and fraternal organizations met at United Front Election Conference held at 1164 Market Street, San Francisco on March 27, to place the Communist Party on the ballot.

Delegates came from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Stockton, Sacramento, Modesto, Petaluma, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Berkeley, Mountain View and other points thruout the state.

### WIDE DISCUSSION

The task of collecting the 23,000 signatures necessary to place the Party on the ballot was the keynote of the conference which was opened by C. J. McKendrick, election campaign manager of District 13.

The discussion in which a large number of the delegates participated, brought out in sharp form the fact that the tempo of the campaign to collect the signatures must be speeded up if the 23,000 signatures are to be obtained by May 1. At the same time delegates reported

(Specific directives growing out of the discussion, will be found in the Workers' Organization column on page 6 of this issue).

from their experiences and made valuable suggestions for improving the drive.

### WOULD BE BIG ACHIEVE- MENT

A warning note was struck by Sam Darcy, district organizer of the Party, who pointed out that during the first three weeks of the campaign only 5,000 signatures were gathered. He pointed out that the widest participation of thousands of workers must be obtained during the few weeks remaining if the required quota is to be reached.

The placing of the Party on the ballot, it was pointed out at the conference, would be one of the most outstanding achievements of the organization in this district. This victory would enable the Communist Party to participate in a state-wide election campaign, bringing forward the fight against wage cuts, for improved standard of living, against the bosses' terror, against imperialist war, and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

### VITAL IMPORTANCE

Never before in the history of California, it was stated, has this been of such vital importance to the workers of the state. A powerful weapon in the fight of the thousands of unemployed California workers and farmers would be achieved with the placing of the Party on the ballot.

At the same time word reaches the Western Worker that increased activity in the signature drive is resulting from the tour of C. J. McKendrick, election campaign manager of Dist. 13, and James Branch, (Continued on P. 5, Col. 8)

## New Full-Time Training School Opens June 1

Thirty-three Students From District 13 Plan;  
\$1,000 Needed at Once

A full-time training school to help in the training of Communist functionaries for the California district will begin on June 1 if sufficient support is obtained for it, according to the Agitprop department of District 13, Communist Party.

## JOBLESS FRUIT WORKERS SMASH CAMP EVICTION

Big Sacramento Demonstration  
Forces County to Feed  
Destitute Families

SACRAMENTO, April 4.—The twenty-five families living in the "camp" north of the city, between the 12th and 16th street roads, organized into the Sacramento Unemployed Council when they were threatened with eviction from their miserable "homes" where they have been trying to keep alive waiting for the fruit season.

About a month ago the local "bulls" told them to leave or be thrown out. The workers organized to stop the eviction, 70 joining the Unemployed Council.

The Charities tried to bring pressure on the families to leave by refusing any relief.

A committee was formed to demand immediate relief. It was turned down. A mass meeting was called and it was decided to bring mass pressure to force the Charity Director, Mary Judge, to feed the destitute families.

On March 31, 1000 workers, five abreast, marched to the court house to demand relief. They received a promise for an investigation by the director, and allowed her one hour and a half to make the trip. The workers stood their ground on (Continued on P. 5, Col. 2)

According to present plans the school will have 33 students from all parts of the district, selected on the basis of nominations submitted by Party units, and mass organizations sympathetic to the Party, including the International Workers Order, Trade Union Unity League, Friends of the Soviet Union, workers' clubs, etc. The students will be housed and fed by the school, it is announced.

### EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

With a course of studies aimed to provide new functionaries necessary for the many new party units being organized, the school will have for teachers the leaders of the revolutionary party on the West Coast.

"In order to make the school a reality, \$1000 is necessary," a statement of District 13 says. "The enthusiastic support given to a similar school last year should make it even easier to raise the fund now in view of the growth of our movement.

### AIDS ELECTION CAMPAIGN

"Especially with the election campaign and the increasingly leading role of the Party in this district, the school becomes an absolute necessity. A special campaign committee is now conducting a drive to raise the money by May 15. Appeals are being sent to numerous organizations asking them to contribute a minimum of \$25 each, this sum being necessary to maintain one student for the duration of the school.

Rush all donations to the Workers School, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif.

# HETCH HETCHY PROJECT and "DNEPROSTROI"

Graft and Corruption in the United States and Socialist Construction in the U. S. S. R.; Vivid Expose of Hetch Hetchy Steals

On May 1 the first high-tension current will be turned on, sending power from the Dneiprostroi power station to many cities, villages and collective farms of the Soviet Union.

On May 3 the workers of San Francisco will be asked to vote "yes" for another \$6,500,000 bond issue "for completion of the Hetch Hetchy water project."

Dneiprostroi, a far bigger project, will be constructed in four and one half years. Hetch Hetchy started in 1909 (plans really started in 1901), and perhaps capitalism will not live long enough to see it finished.

### A COMPARISON

Let us compare these two as practical examples of the differences between the two social systems.

Under the capitalist system, private interests predominate. In fact, the municipal, state or national government in the eyes of the law are the same as a private company, dominated by private corporations and banks, who, under the guise of public works, sap tremendous profits thru the medium of taxation. This was well illustrated when the city of San Francisco ventured forth to build a water system that would secure the city with water. Unquestionably it is necessary, as periodical droughts put the city in a very serious situation. In addition, the city

has higher water rates than any in the country, so that the water bill makes quite an item in the workers' monthly rent. Especially during these times, unable to pay the bill, large numbers of workers are fighting their water shut off.

### NOT ALTRUISTS

Let no one imagine that the "public officials" and "engineers" who initiated the Hetch Hetchy project were influenced by the city's needs. They merely took advantage of this need to serve the contractors and power trusts they represent.

So in deciding to go into the water business a fight had to be staged in Washington to get permission to obstruct the beautiful view of "Hetch Hetchy," known as one of the natural wonders of Yosemite Park. This was, however, only a smoke screen. Behind the argument, cash was being poured into the pockets of the senators and congressmen involved in the special committees. It came from such sources as the Spring Valley Water Company, whose only customer was the city of San Francisco, and which naturally would have to go out of business as soon as the Hetch Hetchy project began to show results.

In time, however, contractors that would get the contracts and the P. G. and E., that would get the power for a song, balanced the scale the other way, and by 1909 permission was finally secured. The struggle

did not end, however. In the San Francisco Board of Supervisors there was always representation from both of these "public interests." The plan of the Spring Valley interests now was to delay the whole thing as long as possible to extend its own span of life, or make the city come to terms: that is, when the city would be ready to pay the price they wanted.

### ROLPH INVOLVED

The properties finally were sold for \$41,000,000, about twice its value. This was in 1928, about 27 years after the plans were laid. This incidentally takes the entire period that Rolph was mayor of San Francisco. During that period the construction work was started and stalled a number of times for "lack of funds." The truth of the matter was that the influence of the Spring Valley was decisive, and it would not allow the project to be finished until its properties were bought.

Rolph placed the project under the care of what he considered the "greatest engineer in the world," M. M. O'Shaughnessy, whose great talent seemed to lay in his ability to engineer about four times the original estimates into the pockets of the companies connected with the project. The final total estimate was \$45,000,000. To date, including the six and one-half millions to be issued, \$86,000,000 will have been spent, upon which already (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

## Election Platform In the Next Issue

The next issue of the Western Worker will contain the Draft Platform of the Communist election campaign for the state of California.

The Platform contains a clear-cut analysis of the conditions at present facing the workers and farmers of California and presents in an incisive manner the Communist program of struggle.

All Party units and sympathetic workers' organizations are urged to place bundle orders at once to ensure the widest possible distribution of the Platform.



# WORKERS DEMAND ROLPH RELEASE MOONEY

## 4,000 JOIN IN SAN FRANCISCO DEMONSTRATION

### Mother of Frame-Up Victim Ends Tour

After continued postponements, delays, excuses and general "stalling," Gov. Rolph has announced that he would "definitely" give his decision on Tom Mooney "by April 21." Unimpressed by these announcements of Mooney's jailors, workers continue to demonstrate, demanding action on Mooney.

In San Francisco, on March 26, four thousand workers took part in an auto parade and a series of street meetings which culminated in a demonstration at the home of Governor Rolph, placing before him the demand for the unconditional pardon of Mooney. The demonstration, organized by the I. L. D., at the same time called for the release of Billings, the Imperial Valley prisoners, the Scottsboro defendants and against the massacre of the Ford unemployed in Detroit.

Six large open-air meetings in various parts of the city preceded the auto parade to Rolph's home, where about 1,200 heard Frank Spector, I. L. D. organizer, and James Branch, representing the Communist Party.

The speakers called for support of the Communist election campaign as one of the most effective means of compelling the release of Mooney and all class-war prisoners.

### MOTHER MOONEY RETURNS

Mother Mary Mooney has returned to San Francisco, having ended a successful speaking tour organized by the International Labor Defense on behalf of her son, Tom, the Scottsboro defendants and all class-war prisoners, during which time she addressed more than 50,000 workers.

### STIRRED BY WORKERS' SUPPORT

Crossing the continent alone, Mooney's 84-year-old mother arrived in New York City on March 24, speaking to 15,000 workers which was the Bronx Coliseum. This meeting was one of the scores held throughout the country in connection with "National Mooney Day," proclaimed by the I. L. D. on the sixteenth anniversary of the sentencing of Mooney to death by the state of California. Upon her arrival here, Mother Mooney spoke enthusiastically of the large number of meetings she addressed in Washington, Toledo, Detroit, Philadelphia and other cities of the East, and told of the tremendous sentiment for Mooney and all class-war prisoners. She also told of having called upon President Hoover, who refused an interview. Hoover, however, a little later, found time to extend a warm welcome to Billie Dove, a movie queen.

## Sidelights On and Around Long Beach Trial

By A DEFENDANT

February 2.—Crowded hallways. Crowded courtroom. Strange people are guardedly whispering and pointing out notorious "Reds." The jury panel appears to be under a severe strain. The bailiffs are alert watching for the sudden appearance of the "soviets." The whole Jergins Trust Building seems to expect to be blown up. The trial is in Department 4, eighth floor. Through any of the spacious windows it was possible that morning to see 123 battleships constituting the Pacific fleet, getting up steam to participate in the maneuvers between Hawaii and the eastern coast of the U. S. S. R., China and Japan.

### STIRRING EVENTS

In the six weeks that followed, the movement against imperialism war showed growing signs of life, especially in street demonstrations. Four unemployed workers were murdered by Ford police. Thaelmann got 5 million votes in Germany. A bitter hunger fight was staged in San Diego. As each day of the trial passed and the argument between the prosecution and the defense grew hotter we were supplied with facts out of the daily news reports. A million bales of cotton for explosives were shipped from Los Angeles harbor to Japan. The day before the trial closed, 220 battleships, the largest war armada ever gathered in Pacific (meaning "peaceful") waters, steamed into view of our windows again. It was the entire American fleet. For war? The bailiff says, "No—just keeping in trim so that we could lick any navy in the world."

Hynes, who led the raid, held only 45 defendants and allowed 200 free. He admitted picking those who would make a bad impression in court. He surely got stuck. Throughout the trial the 45 workers made a splendid impression. Discipline, manliness, and clarity of argument characterized their bearing throughout. At the end of the second week they were in continual earnest discussion with the "home guard." By the end of the trial, local inhabitants stopped defendants on the streets to wish them well. Hynes had especially picked foreign born workers: 11 Japanese, 1 Hindu, 3 Mexicans, 1 Filipino and a good number of Russians and others of European birth. There wasn't a single defendant who took the stand who, despite the handicap of language,

defendants of the Long Beach trial, whom the Southern California bosses tried to railroad to prison on charges of "attempting to commit criminal syndicalism." Ten of the workers are still in jail, held under prohibitive bail, facing deportation to fascist countries.

didn't shine in comparison to the miserable liars introduced as witnesses and "experts" by the prosecution. The local press, the immigration officials, some of the court attendants and the prosecutor worked like Trojans to make the people look upon the prisoners as "dangerous criminals." It was futile. The immigration officials went as far as to order Comrade Arispe deported in order to show the attitude of "Washington." But the defense took the offensive and exposed this contemptible action in court. Arispe was a world war veteran, having served in the American army; he was father of four American born children; he was tubercular; yet he was being deported to Acapulco, a swamp-infested region of Mexico. The move defeated itself. Arispe's brave showing in the face of such persecution won him the sympathy of everyone in hearing. One day they printed the "criminal" records of the defendants in the local press—not to prejudice the jury, mind you, but just as a matter "news." "Our policy," said the reporter, "is just to remain neutral." The "news" was a boomerang to them. Here is the "criminal record" of a characteristic defendant:

### DARCY SPEAKS IN OAKLAND

"The Long Beach Trial" will be the subject of a talk by Sam Darcy, one of the defendants, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Oakland, Friday evening, April 22. Admission 25 cents. Unemployed free with U. C. cards.



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charges. In 1930 he was sentenced to pay a \$500 fine or serve 90 days in jail in Los Angeles for interfering with an officer and later arrested for alleged illegal entry and under suspicion of violation of the syndicalism act.

The attempt to create a "criminal" atmosphere fell flat.

### OLD GLORY WEEK

For seven days the prosecutor labored to prove that we were guilty of the charges of being Communists. At the end of the seventh day he relaxed, wiped the sweat from his brow and rested. He turned to the defense table with eyes that challenged, "Now try to improve it." The first defense witness took the stand and on the very first question calmly and proudly "admitted" that he was a Communist. The prosecutor almost dropped with surprise at such an open admission of "guilt."

The first week might be called "Old Glory week" in Department 4. Hynes, an enemy of society if ever one lived, draped the flag about himself with patriotic fervor. Abbott and all the other little Hyneses imitated with pathetic amateurishness. The prosecutor, with a voice choked with trembling emotion (entirely feigned), wept for the "old stars and stripes." Even several jurors applauded a patriotic outburst of oratory from the pro-

A. Feinberg, was arrested in Los Angeles in 1927 for violation of the C. S. Law and released, the report shows, and again in 1928 he was found not guilty of two misdemeanors.

### Jobless Conference To Pick Delegates For State 'Hearing'

For the purpose of selecting a delegation to appear at the hearings called by the California State Unemployed Commission on April 27 and 28 in San Francisco, the Unemployed Councils of the city have issued a call for a united front conference of all labor and fraternal organizations of the city.

Th call states that more than 100,000 workers are unemployed in San Francisco alone, with thousands of families facing evictions, electric and water shut-offs and living on "semi-starvation rations" provided by the "charity" organizations.

The conference will be held Friday, April 15, at 8 p. m., at 530 Valencia Street.

Organizations are urged to send four delegates, mailing credentials at once to City Committee, Unemployed Councils, 1507 Eddy Street, San Francisco.

### James Branch Dates For Election Tour

San Bernardino	April 8
Santa Barbara	April 9
Bakersfield	April 10
Fresno	April 11, 12
Madera	April 13
Merced	April 14
Modesto	April 15
Stockton	April 16, 17
Sacramento	April 18, 19
Jackson	April 20
Marysville	April 21
Chico	April 22
Eureka	April 24, 25
Pt. Bragg	April 26, 27
Fetaluma	April 29
Pittsburgh	April 30
Richmond	May 1
Oakland	May 3, 4
Berkeley	May 5
San Jose	May 6, 7
Watsonville	May 8
Santa Cruz	May 9

### 'Jail Us Too,' Mothers Say At Charity Demonstration

San Francisco Jobless Win Demands; Situation 'Desperate,' Officials Admit

"If you take the men who are fighting for us and the other starving unemployed, take us to jail too." These were the words of a woman who held a baby in her arms as she fought with police to free the committee of the Unemployed Council that was attempting to get relief for 14 destitute families in San Francisco, April 1.

Jeremiah Feingold, B. F. Danforth and Albert Hogarty were arrested, charged with "disorderly conduct," as a result of a tie-up between the police and Katherine Felton, head of the Associated Charities at Gough and Eddy Street, in an effort to stop the continuous victories of the U. C. in forcing food, clothing and rent for jobless families. The three were later freed on bail. In spite of the arrests, more of the demands were granted, however.

The 14 families that came for relief, consisting of 75 men, women and children, fought the police to free their leaders after a riot called brought out an army of police, including Chief Quinn, himself.

ADMIT "SITUATION TERRIBLE" However, only the three leaders were arrested, proving that an attempt was being made to break the mass pressure tactics of the U. C. in favor of the "individual treatment" which the Charities favor and which leaves the worker powerless and intimidated in his fight against starvation.

Miss Felton betrayed her fear of the organized unemployed and the bankrupt condition of the fake Charities outfit when she stated that "the situation is a terrible one and we scarcely know where to turn."

The trial of the three leaders is scheduled for April 26. All workers are urged by the Unemployed Council to attend the trial.

### 'Frisco Plenum of I. L. D., April 24th

The San Francisco International Labor Defense has issued a call to all its functionaries, as well as delegates from fraternal organizations, for an enlarged District Committee meeting to take place Sunday, April 24, 10 a. m., at 1164 Market Street, at which the I. L. D. will examine its work and devise means to strengthen the organization.

Every workers' organization not yet affiliated with the I. L. D. is urgently requested to do so by sending four delegates to this plenum who will become permanent delegates to the San Francisco City Committee, I. L. D.

one paper on the desk which Darcy tried to grab. Dungan said Hynes left all his papers. Pfeiffer said there was no paper but some torn scraps. And in the end it came out that there was no paper at all but that Darcy was beaten up for refusing to give an address which he was accused of knowing.

Abbott, an "expert," was called on to give testimony as to the "bad ideas of Communism." He was able to name two—Community Kitchens and Hatred of God. At which point Judge Wallace asked, "How can they hate God if they don't believe in one?"

Leo Gallagher, the attorney for the defense, spent two hours going over the testimony of the prosecution and exposing it. He certainly proved them to be a bunch of liars. Well, as a matter of fact, that's what they are. Gallagher, incidentally, made a fine impression as a splendid, uncompromising fighter. At the end of his summary speech where he traced the decay of American liberties, one of the jurors—an old native, openly wept.

The ignorance of the prosecution and their witnesses concerning political, economic and philosophical questions was amazing. At one point, after two days of explanation of Marxist economic theory, De Vries the prosecutor said, "Well we can accept that, that's the same as all economic theory. There is no difference between anybody on economics."

### CONTRADICT EACH OTHER

The prosecution witnesses could not even remember the story they were coached to tell. Just a few examples:

### POLICE THUGS "INVESTIGATE" SELVES

In the course of the trial the Ministerial Association, the Municipal League and the Civil Liberties Union demanded that the police department conduct an investigation of the police brutality used against the prisoners. The request was granted. Several days passed and the Police Commission announced that the investigation was completed and the findings are that charges of brutality have no foundations. Rev. Taft of the Civil Liberties Union made a personal effort to find out who were the police investigators. At last he got hold of the official written report of the "investigation" to the Police Commission. And who do you think signed the report as chief investigator? Hynes!

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### S. F. Cooks, Waiters Fight Pay Cut; Men Warned On Sell-Out

Strike sentiment is growing among the 900 San Francisco cooks and waiters who have indignantly rejected the bosses' demand that they submit to a new wage cut, the third during the past year.

Wage slashes of 10 per cent for the cooks and cuts varying from 12½ to 33½ per cent for the waiters is the program of the Bureau of Hotels and Restaurants, which is leading the offensive against the workers on behalf of the larger hotels and restaurants of San Francisco.

Danger that the wage-cut may be successfully put over is seen by militant workers, who point out that the officials of Cooks Union 44 and Waiters' Union 30 have been entrusted to deal with the bosses. These workers are demanding the formation of rank and file Committees of Action representing all locals involved.

### Bay Cities Party Picnic, April 17, East Shore Park

Workers from the Bay Cities are expected to crowd East Shore Park, Richmond, Sunday, April 17, at the picnic of the Communist Party, District 13.

Outstanding features of the picnic—which will begin about noon and continue during the entire afternoon and evening—include Labor Sports field meets, concert numbers, dancing and refreshments. Well known leaders in the militant labor movement will speak briefly, it is announced.

The picnic will be a mobilization point in preparation for May Day and the election campaign.

The final meeting in preparation for the picnic will be held at Workers Center, 1164 Market Street, Monday, April 16, and all labor unions, fraternal, Party units and youth organizations are asked to send delegates.

### McKendrick Dates For Election Tour

Santa Cruz	April 9, 10
Watsonville	April 11, 12
Castroville	April 13
Salinas	April 14
San Luis Obispo	April 15
Santa Barbara	April 17, 18
Ventura	April 19, 20
Los Angeles	April 21-May 1
Bakersfield	May 2, 3
Fresno	May 4, 5
Madera	May 6, 7
Merced	May 8, 9
Modesto	May 10, 11
Stockton	May 12, 13, 14
Sacramento	May 15, 16, 17
Jackson	May 18
Marysville	May 19
Chico	May 20

## HETCH HETCHY PROJECT REVEALS UNBRIDLED GRAFT, CORRUPTION

Contrasted With Socialist Construction in the U. S. S. R.

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\$23,000,000 interest was paid to the bankers. This, together with the \$41,000,000 paid to the Spring Valley Co. and the interest still to be paid, will easily bring the total cost much closer to \$200,000,000. That is, of course, assuming that it will actually be finished with the last bond issue.

But judging from 31 years of experience, it seems doubtful. Taking note of what came out at the recent supervisors' meeting, where it was stated that in case the project is stalled now, it would take \$5,000 a day to keep the work so far in condition; otherwise everything will become junked.

The Hetch Hetchy project, needless to say, carries with it a sad story for the workers engaged on it. Even in these days when workers are so desperate to hold on to any job, many can work only three months, generally getting rheumatism by that time. The wages paid are among the lowest, with the sanction of the A. P. of L. unions who are working hand in hand with the Rossi administration they endorsed. Then, too, news slip out from time to time of workers getting killed or crippled, but of course that need not be figured in the cost.

### SPILLS THE BEANS

The 1,400 workers on the job now are getting paid in bonds. Speaking for the approval of the \$6,500,000 bond issue, L. F. Byington, president of the Utilities Commission and a tool of the power trust, stated at the supervisors' meeting that "the only way we have been able to keep the work going is by making the men buy bonds."

Many may have the illusion that there will be a reduction in the water rates when the Hetch Hetchy is finished. But the supervisors' meeting of March 21 definitely established that there will be no reduction for at least five years to come—if at that time. Many others have the idea that Mayor Rossi's campaign slogan of lower taxes may mean something, but if it is considered that the city's borrowing capacity of \$165,000,000 is practically exhausted, and that San Francisco may soon go the way of Chicago, then the fraudulent nature of the whole campaign becomes clear. A further illustration of this is found in the fact that the \$6,500,000 bond issue is offered for 6% higher than any previous rates.

### PROFITS AND WAGE CUTS

Also, while many more millions of the public funds may be "engineered" to the contractors and banks—when it comes to getting \$2,000,000 needed to continue giving the miserable groceries to the unemployed, the wages of the city employees have to be cut for that purpose. At about the same time the cut is announced the financial reports inform us that the P. G. and E. made a \$27,000,000 profit. This is the same company that gets power from the Hetch Hetchy plant for one fourth the market value and one-eleventh of what the consumer pays.

Let us compare the above with Dneiprostroi. In the Soviet Union there are no private interests. All construction is planned, financed and engineered by the central economic organs of the government. There is no lobbying around Moscow. There are no companies and therefore no graft. As soon as plans are made the work begins. Instead of stalling construction pending bond issues that eventually amount to several times the planned estimate, the work does not stop but continually gains momentum, especially due to the enthusiastic socialist competition on the part of the workers, who help to lower the cost. That is why the Five-Year Plan is almost completed, with more accomplished in four years than the task originally set for five years.

### DNEIPROSTROI—A CONTRAST

Dneiprostroi stands out as a typical example. It is the mightiest hydro-electric station in the world. It was started in March, 1927 in the midst of the bare steppes of the Dneiper River. The cost is only \$100,000,000 altho a far bigger project than Hetch Hetchy. The power of the station is 560,000 kilowatts. The 32,000 workers (on a seven-hour day schedule), the majority of them one-time peasants, are now living in a new modern city, enjoying the theatres, clubs, schools, libraries, a continually

growing standard of living—in sharp contrast to the dirty, isolated construction camps and the starvation prevailing in the United project or Boulder City.

In capitalist countries public projects mean graft to the politicians, millions into the pockets of the corporations, and misery to the workers. In the Soviet Union it means electric power to the many cities, villages and collective farms, bringing more production, higher standards and greater happiness to millions of workers and peasants.

When the switch is turned on at Dneiprostroi on May 1, it will send a current of inspiration to the workers and farmers throughout the world and sharpen their fight against the bankrupt capitalist system. It will reach out to California and should be a means of moving the workers and farmers into a most intense struggle against the Rossis and Rolphs. The workers on the Hetch Hetchy and Hoover Dam construction should organize on the job, to demand human working conditions, more wages and in cash, and for the right to organize.

Such great success in Socialist Construction should stir the workers and farmers of California to rally around their own party, the Communist Party, to struggle against starvation, to demand that all funds go to unemployed and not to grafters and corporations. That unemployed relief be at the expense of the bosses. The great task at this moment is to place the Communist Party on the ballot in California, and defeat the agents of the power trust who are doing everything in their power to keep the Party off. That means collecting 25,000 signatures by May 1. The Party on the ballot would mean a great victory for the workers. In the struggle for the improvement of our immediate conditions, in the struggle against war and for the establishment of a workers and farmers government in the U. S.

### S. F. UNEMPLOYED HALT EVICTION BY MASS ACTION

Ex-Servicemen Offer to Aid in Fight for Relief of Jobless

An ex-serviceman, Adams, father of a family, was evicted from his home on March 29 at Fillmore and Hyde Streets, as the San Francisco Associated Charities had refused to pay his rent, gas or light.

An angry crowd estimated at 500 gathered shouting protests against the landlord, who is said to be a wealthy Fillmore district bootlegger.

Hogarty, secretary of the Unemployed Council, addressed the crowd and exposed the Charities, and calling on the workers to see the owner and force him to take the family back into the house.

LEAVE? MAYBE! A large committee volunteered, and in spite of the police protection the landlord of the apartment house was forced to take the Adams family back. While the police stood powerless, the crowd publicly cheered the action of the Unemployed Council as they assisted in moving the furniture back in the house.

Another committee was formed on the spot to see the Associated Charities and forced them to pay the rent, gas and light. Again the police were powerless before the workers.

DEFY ORDER TO LEAVE Four automobile-loads of ex-servicemen came to the place to move their comrade back into the house. The evicted worker told them action was in the hands of the Unemployed Council, and called upon the war veterans to support the workers of the Unemployed Council in the fight against the abuses, intimidation, and red tape policies of the Associated Charities. The veterans promised to take action at their respective posts, and left, making a collection of \$11 for the evicted family.

As a result of this fight, the Associated Charities hastily called a joint meeting with the Community Chest and city officials and reached a decision that no families with two children or more under six will be evicted, but their rent, gas and light will be paid.

## WHERE TO GO

### San Francisco

SATURDAY, APRIL 9—Dance and Entertainment by Building Trades Workers League, Finnish Workers Center, 20 Flint St., near 16th and Market Sts. Music, Refreshments, Admission 25c in advance, 35c at the door.

FRACTION MEETING of the Food Workers, Friday, March 25, at 8 p. m., Room 201, 1161 Market St.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10—Dinner and Installation Party, given by International Women's Council, Labor Lyceum, 1749 O'Farrell St., at 6 p. m. Dinner 40c.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 8 P. M.—Labor Lyceum, 1740 O'Farrell St.—Morris Vinchevsky Memorial Meeting. M. Epstein, associate editor of the Morning Freiheit, will speak in Yiddish. Adm. 25c. Ausp.: Freiheit Jubilee Conference.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 8:30 P. M.—Dance, Workers Center, 1164 Market St. Given by Counter-Olympics Committee and Workers' Sports Club. Special attraction: Boxing. Adm. 35c.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 8 P. M.—Youth Sports Hop and Basketball Game, Burke's Gymnasium, 2350 Geary St. Peppy music! Dancing till 1 o'clock. Adm. 25c. Ausp.: City CoCenter-Olympics Committee.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 8 P. M.—Proletarian Cabaret—lots of fun and good things to eat—1740 O'Farrell St. Proceeds go to Western Worker. Ausp.: Unit 7, C. P.

### Workers School Forum

1164 Market St. Sunday Evenings at 8 O'Clock

Sunday, April 10 Sender Garlin "Spies in the Ranks of Labor."

Sunday, April 17 Paul Orr "What Is the Second Five-Year Plan?"

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 8 P. M.—Entertainment, Dance, 1164 Market St., given by Unemployed Councils of S. F. and United Workers on City Charity Jobs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 8 P. M.—Banquet, Reception for Jack Berolla, North Beach Workers' Center, 1529 Powell St. Adm. 15c. Ausp.: Orozco-Herrera Branch I. L. D.

### San Jose Open Forum

EVERY SUNDAY, 8:00 P. M. Union Hall, 81 Post Street

SUNDAY, April 10—Frank Spector: "War Developments on the Pacific." Questions and discussion follow each forum. Admission free. Working-class literature on sale at Workers Book Shop, 81 Post Street, San Jose.

SUNDAY, MAY 1—Picnic by Slavonian Workers Educational Club, Naprada Park, Cupertino (near Mt. View). Admission 35c. Barbecue, dancing, games, speakers. Proceeds go to the Workers Press, 25 per cent to the Western Worker.



# British Budget Estimates Show Feverish War Preparations

## PEACE TALK ONLY HIDES WAR PLANS OF IMPERIALISTS

Tariff Sharpens Rivalries But All Unite Against USSR; Service Men Wages Cut

LONDON.—Feverish war preparations on the part of Great Britain are revealed in budget estimates for the coming year which have just been made public.

At the same time loud boasts of "savings" on the budget are announced by the various departments of the government, including \$30,000,000 by the civil department and \$20,000,000 on the estimate of the Army, Navy and Air forces. The Army estimate is for \$182,000,000, said to be a decrease of about \$15,000,000; the Navy estimate is nearly \$250,000,000, ostensibly a reduction of about \$7,000,000; the Air Force estimate is about \$85,000,000. In each case practically the whole of the saving has been obtained by means of the reductions made in pay and in food and clothing allowances to the workers in uniform.

As a matter of fact, as regards the Navy, the cost of new armaments exceeds last year by \$13,500,000, which means that naval wages, etc., have been cut by nearly \$20,000,000 and would have been cut by nearly \$40,000,000 more, but for the mutiny at Invergordon which compelled the Admiralty to make concessions to that amount.

True to form, the representatives of British imperialism at Geneva talk of their desire for peace, while at home the capitalist politicians of all parties unite to tell the workers that "Britain has disarmed to the limit." The truth is that the new estimates show that in the coming year work is to start on the construction of three new cruisers, line destroyers, three submarines and a number of depot ships, gunboats, etc. At the same time the estimates reveal that the mechanization of the Army is proceeding apace. This is clearly seen in the recent statement of Colonel, Assistant Director of Mechanization, who stated:

"Britain is undoubtedly ahead of all other nations as regards the quality of armored fighting vehicles and also the ideas underlying their use. The new British 16-ton tank is easily the most powerful weapon that any soldier has been given to handle."

With the support of the "Labor" Party, Britain is planning to spend more than \$500,000,000 in the coming year on war preparations. But more significant than these figures is the steady, relentless research being carried on with ever more easily and efficient arms, gases, etc.

**UNITE AGAINST U. S. S. R.**  
The imperialist antagonisms are sharpening daily, accentuated by the tariff war inaugurated by the

## Fascist Members in Province Refuse to Attack Food Fight

MILAN, Italy, April 3.—The struggle against the Mussolini Hunger Government took on greater strength when Fascist organizations, recently called upon to put down a demonstration in Brianza, refused to come.

Shouting "Down With Taxes!" and "Work or Wages!" multitudes of peasants with their working tools in their hands joined with women textile workers who labor two days a week for twenty-five cents a day, before the City Hall. When they tried to enter they were assaulted by police, who called for re-inforcements from nearby towns. But these former allies were too busy. They themselves were demonstrating against the government. For a week Brianza and the neighboring towns were in a state of martial law.

In Sinesse the desperation of the population culminated in a battle between the police and the entire town when mothers demanded bread and relief from taxes. Refused aid, and attacked by police, they burned the City Hall to the ground. The hundred and eighty arrested are still in jail.

In San Vittore Olona a parade to the State Employment Agency was broken up only when three hundred police re-inforcements arrived to end a battle in which a score were injured and ten arrested.

## Noted Revolutionary French Poet Sent to Prison for 5 Years

Word has just come to the John Reed Club of San Francisco that Louis Aragon, French delegate to the Charkov (USSR) Conference of Revolutionary Writers and Artists, and one of the most militant fighters on the proletarian cultural front in France, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for "incitement of military to disobedience and provocation to murder with a view to anarchist propaganda."

The ridiculous charge, a fit example of the frenzy of the French courts, is based on Aragon's poems, "Red Front," which appeared in "Literature of the World Revolution," the organ of the International Union of Revolutionary Writers.

All workers' cultural groups are urged to forward protests thru the John Reed Club, 1179 Market St., Room 602, San Francisco.

National Government. The latter has speeded up the tempo with which the imperialists are hastening to armed warfare on a world-wide scale. And above all else, the one thing upon which the world imperialists are united is in their common hatred for the U. S. S. R.

**The emancipation of the working class must be accomplished by the workers themselves. Join the Communist Party.**

## FAMINE, DISEASE SWEEP SHANGHAI REFUGEE CAMPS

Virulent Epidemic of Smallpox Kills Thousands of Workers

SHANGHAI.—Famine and pestilence are sweeping through the crowded refugee camps in Shanghai, as an aftermath of the slaughter and destruction wrought by the Japanese armies.

An epidemic of smallpox, so virulent that more than half of those stricken die, has broken out, killing thousands of workers and peasants made homeless by the destruction of Chapei.

Famine is so acute that even Sir John Hope-Simpson, director of the China Famine Commission, was forced to admit that the people had been driven to eat the bark of the trees, the chaff of trashed grain, and weeds.

Admitting that the commission was helpless in the face of this mass starvation, Simon stated that unless the dykes, on which nearly 500,000 flood victims are employed, are rebuilt within three months, new disastrous floods, similar to those of last year, are certain.

Nothing more clearly shows the corruption and rottenness of the Kuomintang regime than the fact that these dykes on the Yangtze River have been allowed to fall into such a state that millions of peasants are in imminent danger of death by flood.

## FLOODS KILL MILLIONS

It is reported that last year millions of peasants lost their lives in the disastrous floods, and whole sections of fertile agricultural land were ruined.

The Chinese masses are fighting valiantly against the bloody Kuomintang and the foreign imperialist robber powers. The tremendous success of the Chinese Red Armies and the rapid spread of the Soviet power in the country side is proof that the rule of the oppressors will be short-lived.

## Soviet Air Society Reorganized to Aid Defense of U.S.S.R.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., April 5.—The Red Star, newspaper of the Soviet Red Army, today announces that defense of the U. S. S. R. will be materially strengthened if plans to reorganize the "Osoaviakhim," the Soviet air league, are carried out.

More than 12,000,000 members belong to this organization at present. Tomorrow the plenary session of the "Osoaviakhim" council will open under direct auspices of the Red Army in the Red Banner Hall, the central army house. The Red Star declares that its purpose is "to reorganize the work of the Soviet air league from top to bottom so that it can work in the closest co-operation with the Red Army."

## Soviet Union Opens Up Largest Canning Factory in World

STANITZIA KRINSKAYA, U. S. S. R., April 4.—The largest canning factory of its kind has just been opened in the Soviet Union.

Located in the heart of the rich Caucasus region, the local factory began the large-scale vegetable production in this country late last summer, but only recently has it begun turning out products of export quality. Besides pork and beans it cans corn, beans, tomatoes, tomato paste, pumpkins, beets and carrots.

With a capacity of 100,000,000 cans yearly, it is surrounded by 35,000 acres planted to truck crops especially to feed it. More than 1000 workers are employed during its eleven months of operation each year. During the last three months it has produced about 11,000,000 tins for home consumption alone.

The plant, which cost \$5,000,000 to build, is constructed of brick and is the first of sixteen planned by the Soviet Government.

## Marine Workers of Stockton Elect F.S.U. May First Delegate

The May Day workers' delegation to the Soviet Union will include two Californians, C. Ausmas of the Wiremen's Local, A. F. of L., Sacramento, and Kelsey Cottle, Stockton marine worker.

Cottle, 27, is a native of Stockton, and is a laborer and deckhand on river boats handling agricultural produce of the San Joaquin Valley. He participated in the recent river strike against wage cuts and was elected by his shipmates. The Friends of the Soviet Union has endorsed his election. One thousand attended two meetings recently held in connection with the delegation. Ausmas, the Sacramento delegate, is a member in good standing in his union.

A campaign is now under way to raise money for the financing of the delegation to the Soviet Union and return. \$350 is needed for each delegate.

In order to popularize the delegation, union members and all others interested are sending questions to the delegates, to be answered by the Soviet workers. Readers interested in submitting questions are asked to get in touch with the F. S. U., 912 Twelfth Street, Sacramento.

## MEHLMAN TO TOUR

Elza Mehlman, who recently returned from the Soviet Union, will speak in Sacramento April 22, and in Fair Oaks, Jackson, and Chico the same week. Dates will be announced later.

A former Oakland teacher, Elza Mehlman went to Kuzbas, Siberia, with the American colonization group in 1923. She returned to the Soviet Union in 1928 after a year in the U. S. A., and stayed two more years.

## THE RETURN OF FLOYD GIBBERISH

By STEPHEN PEACOCK

With a megaphone in one hand, a microphone in the other, and a broadcast strapped to his back, Floyd Gibberish, the human chatter-box, romped playfully down the gangplank of the S. S. Coolidge, while the gang shouted, "What's the matter with Gibberish? He is alright! Who's alright? Gibberish!"

Even while the S. S. Coolidge (named after the wit, silent Cal, whose most humorous remark was "I do not choose to run"), was still two miles from its dock, the brass-lined vocal chords of Gibberish, at an open port-hole, had been plainly heard in San Francisco, shouting: "Hello, Mr. Brishunk! Hello Sunny Jim! Hello, Herbie! Hello, Rudy Vallee! Hello, everybody Hello! Hello! Hello!"

## INTERVIEW BY WESTERN WORKER

When interviewed by the representative of the Western Worker who scored a scoop on the capitalist reporters by boarding the S. S.



Coolidge at Hawaii, disguised as a telephone booth, Gibberish proved with his patter that he was remarkably well informed about the situation at Shanghai, the war in the Far East in particular and everything in general.

For example, he knew the address of every joint in the International Settlement, the names of all the battleships and generals, the statements made by all the capitalist statesmen, etc. What that boy had seen thru his high-powered eye was simply marvelous—and what he hadn't seen was even more stupendous.

## PROFOUND STUDENT

The following answers of Mr. Gibberish to questions put to him by the Western Worker representative proved beyond all doubt his keen insight into the situation in China.

Q.—Who started the war?  
A.—I have conclusive proof in the form of affidavits made out by 17 allied statesmen that everything was peaceful until a group of desperate Chinese schoolboys made a fierce assault on a peaceful Japanese warship with paper wads and pea-blowers.

Q.—How was the fight?  
A.—Boy! Boy! Boy! What a wow! It was the funniest thing you ever saw. And the noise!

Q.—What was your most exciting experience during the war?  
A.—We were playing poker, one guy had a flush, another bozo had four kings, and I sat there with four aces!



Q.—Were you in personal danger?  
A.—Now really, I don't like to talk about myself. But do you see this? (pointing to the well-worn seat of his checkered pants, with the checks worn off), that is where I was scraped by a 'Big Bertha.' And where d'ye think I got this cut? The bullets whizzed by my ears so fast, I almost got pneumonia from the draft.

Q.—What is happening in Japan?  
A.—I sure got the low-down on Japan. I heard it from a friend of a friend of traveling salesman. They are getting ready for a revolution! Yes, sir—eeee! The fascists are having their black shirts washed right now. They are liable to be in the saddle any day now.

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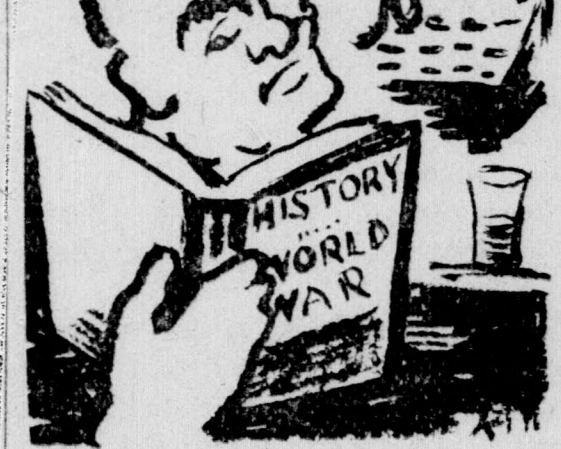
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## FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

### U. S. S. R. Opens New Ball Bearing Plant

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., April 1.—A gigantic ball-bearing factory, with a capacity of 24,000,000 bearings a year has just been opened here. It is designed ultimately to be the largest plant of its kind in the entire world. The factory is equipped with the latest foreign machinery.

### Big Soviet Orders to Germany

ESSEN, Germany, April 2.—Soviet industries have just placed new orders for 300,000 tons of iron bars and sheets with a possibility of an additional order for 200,000 tons soon. Russian orders in the Ruhr industries so far this year were estimated at between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

### Wage Cut for Canadian R. R. Men

MONTREAL, Canada, April 5.—With the full blessings of the reformist trade union officials who worked hand in glove with the employers, a ten per cent wage cut has been put over on 30,000 railway mechanics in the Canadian Federated Shop trade.

### Afghan Tribesmen and British Clash

NEW DELHI, India, April 2.—Five soldiers were wounded today in a clash between Afghan tribesmen and a militia post in the northwest frontier province. Reinforcements dispersed the Afghans who were being pursued by British planes.

### "Absurd," Soviet Says of Boss Press Massacre Tales

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 2.—A dispatch received here from the Moscow correspondent of the Associated Press declares that Soviet officials characterized reports of bloodshed on the Ukrainian frontier, emanating from Bucharest yesterday, as "too absurd to warrant a formal denial."

### Republican Army Celebrates Easter Rising

DUBLIN, Ireland, April 1.—For the first time since the formation of the Irish Free State, the Republican Army publicly paraded in celebration of the heroic Irish Rebellion of Easter Week, 1916. More than 30,000 people witnessed the parade in which five battalions of the Army, nearly half of them war veterans, participated. The De Valera authorities, fearing an uprising, confined the Irish Free State Army to their barracks during the parade.

### Fascists Give Workers Empty Promises

ROME, Italy, April 3.—With unemployment growing steadily and wages being slashed in every industry, the fascist regime finds it necessary to open a campaign of propaganda intended to stem the growing discontent of the masses. "I promise that next winter more work and assistance will be given," Mussolini declared in a recent speech.

### Spanish Railroad Strike Militant

BARCELONA, Spain, March 31.—A general strike against suspension of work on railroads, which is assuming a revolutionary character has spread throughout the province of Galicia, resulting in many clashes between the workers and the police and civil guards. Soldiers with fixed bayonets guard the streets and public buildings at Fonteverda. All stores are closed and milk is being distributed from the city halls of the towns affected. A bomb was exploded in front of the Bishop's palace and a train was derailed but no casualties were reported.

### British Build Airport in Singapore

LONDON, Eng., April 5.—A serious development in the war preparations of the British Empire is seen in the fact that an order has just been placed for 180 tipping wagons "for use in the construction of a new air base in Singapore." This has been learned through a casual reference to it in the current issue of the "British Export Gazette." Outside of high military and governmental circles the matter had apparently been kept secret.

### Refuse to Fire on San Salvador Rebels

SAN SALVADOR, April 3.—The success of Communist influence in penetrating in San Salvador is confirmed by a New York dispatch which states, "One regiment of government troops refused to fire on the revolutionists until their officers seized machine guns and shot down twenty or thirty men for disobeying orders." Since the revolution was put down with the aid of imperialist battle-ships, whole regiments have been disbanded for being disloyal. The dispatch also reports that the Communist influence is very strong in the Ecuador army.

### Germans Denounce Scottsboro Verdict

BERLIN, Germany, Ap. 5.—More than 300 German intellectuals including Prof. Albert Einstein, Thomas Mann, famous author, and others today cabled to President Hoover denouncing the lynch verdict against the seven Scottsboro defendants by the Alabama state supreme court.

### "Radicals" Phrases to Back Empire

LONDON, Eng., April 4.—Fearing the growing influence of the Communist Party, Fenner Brockway, in opening the Independent Labor Party conference, called for a "more revolutionary policy." Brockway's speech exemplified the program of the I. L. P. to cover up their service to British imperialism by "radical" phrases.

### Anti-War Demonstration in Belgium

BRUSSELS, April 3.—Belgian revolutionary working class organizations have organized more than 30 meetings and demonstrations against the imperialist war in the Far East and in defense of the Soviet Union.

### Ruegg and Wife Still in Nanking Dungeon

SHANGHAI, April 4.—Paul Ruegg, secretary of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union secretariat, and his wife, will learn momentarily the "verdict" of the bloody Kuomintang government which may condemn them to death. Charged with revolutionary activities, they were turned over to the Kuomintang hangmen by the British officials of the International Settlement, and are now confined in a dungeon in Nanking. Protests against their continued imprisonment are continuing to come from all parts of the world.

# INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE WESTERN WORKERS

News about China is being sent to the back pages of the capitalist newspapers. But that's not because there is a lack of important material to record.

The general impression is being carefully cultivated that the war in China is over and everything is being settled peacefully. Nothing could be further from the truth.

An Associated Press dispatch reports under date of March 20 that:

"Neutral observers assert that despite reduction the Japanese army is stronger than it has been heretofore because it is better equipped. In the past few days new equipment, including heavy guns and airplanes arrived from Japan."

These facts are buried on back pages. Featured, are the alleged "talks" in the office of the British Consulate which are aimed to put everybody to sleep while the imperialists work.

## KUOMINTANG TREACHERY

Each day brings news of fresh treacheries, by the Nationalist clique, in connection with the defense of the Chapei area, for example, the Chinese people raised subscriptions to equip new volunteer regiments to hold the front. Chiang-Kai-Shek with all the cowardliness which characterizes the Kuo-Min-Tang betrayers followed the policy of disarming the soldiers and workers and peasants, as

## Japanese Strengthen Forces in Shanghai Despite Truce Negotiations—Kuomintang Betrays Mass Resistance to Japan—Wave of Suicides Sweeps Country—Los Angeles Holds Record with 13 Reported in One Day—150 Militant Workers Face Long Prison Sentences in Guatemala

he did when the Japanese invaded Manchuria, and "appealing" to American imperialism and the League of Nations.

He even had the leaders of some of the volunteer regiments, which refused to disband, arrested. His fear of any spontaneous organization of the people far exceeds his fear of a foreign imperialist power. This is a repetition of all historic experience.

Doesn't it parallel the attempts of Thiers to disarm the Paris proletariat in the face of the Prussian troops in 1871? And isn't it reminiscent of the Russian czarists uniting with their traditional enemy, the Japanese imperialists, against the Bolsheviks in 1918? Is it not a fact precisely with the greatest chauvinists, class ties were always stronger than national ties. The working class must learn that. Only by learning that will we know our enemies and thereby break the barriers to our own emancipation.

## HEROISM OF THE 19th ROUTE ARMY

The 19th Cantonese army which

bore the greatest part of the fighting in the Chapei area has an interesting history. Only a few weeks before going to the Shanghai front these troops were engaged in the "major offensive" undertaken by the Nanking government against the Red Army of Soviet China. Despite its superior military equipment they made no headway. The Red Army showed a high understanding of revolutionary war strategy. Instead of making a concerted stand in any one place it carried on a semi-guerrilla warfare; retreating, and always agitating the enemy troops.

The peasants were all on the side of the Red Army. The objectives of the much advertised anti-Red offensive were never gained. This same 19th Army when transferred to fight the Japanese, a foreign imperialist power made a showing which must indeed command admiration from every observer.

In the one case the 19th Army was fighting for reaction against the people and liberty. In the

second instance they were defending the masses fighting for liberty and against a foreign invader. This gave them support of the people, and made possible so brave a showing.

The heroism of the people will however be nullified by the deals with the imperialists now being negotiated by Chiang Kai-Shek. The only real guarantee for national as well as class liberty is the overthrow of the Nanking and the Canton cliques and the extension of the Soviet power over all China.

## MATCH KING KILLS HIMSELF

Ivar Kreuger committed suicide. Kreuger was one of the "pillars of finance" which the boss press always boasts about. His suicide, admittedly brought on by his panic at the crumbling of the edifice of capitalism, is only one in hundreds of thousands. But it was more dramatic to see a "pillar" collapse, than to watch the plaster as it fell from the walls bit by bit. Both

are however part of the same process.

The workers, the farmers and revolutionaries from other classes have no reason to commit suicide. The crumbling of the capitalist structure only means for us that a new, better and more beautiful building must be built. The workers and peasants of the Soviet Union are showing the way.

## WAVE OF SUICIDES

Yet many workers who do not understand Communism are also bewildered by the creaks and groans of the crumbling structure and driven to despair.

A wave of suicide has hit the U. S., such as we have never before experienced. Los Angeles, has the record for Western cities when on March 18, a total of 13 suicides was reported for that one day. Up to that time the record belonged to the Bay cities area where in one week several months ago about 30 bodies were fished out of the waters of the "Golden Gate."

Revolutionary workers and farmers will not be involved in this

stampede. More organization, greater struggle and agitation will lead us towards our goal. This requires determination and courage. The teachings of Marx and Lenin contain in them these necessary attributes.

## THE WHITE TERROR IN GUATEMALA

Guatemala City is nearer to San Francisco than San Francisco is to Chicago. Yet San Francisco workers do not pay much attention to what is happening there. Last week 150 Communists were arrested, and are now being held for court-martial. The only excuse the government gave was that unemployment has brought the masses to such a serious condition that they feared a repetition of the El Salvador events. At best our Guatemala comrades can expect long prison terms. That is, unless the workers of the United States act through demonstrations and meetings, for the release of the prisoners. The heroism of the Latin-American workers and peasants is hardly paralleled on the North American continent. Against unbelievable odds they have at various times taken up the struggle for freedom. They always found it possible to aid us in our fight for Sacco and Vanzetti and other class war prisoners.

We owe a revolutionary duty to our Guatemalan comrades. We urge all workers, especially in the West to join in the demand for the release of these 150 workers.



## PEDRO LUMBER KINGS IN NEW CUT ON SHIPS

Crew Must Stay On  
Board Minus Pay

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—A wage cut of an unheard variety is being instituted by the Hammond Lumber Company, who now deduct from wages for the time steam schooners are harbored in lumber ports.

It is reported that on one Hammond steam schooner the entire crew, with the exception of the steward department, were cut for the nine days that they were harbored in Grays Harbor. The boat was anchored out, but the workers were forced to remain aboard with no pay.

This new cut comes on top of the old ones. The scale ranges from \$55 on the Schaeffer boats, up to \$62.50, the old scale was \$75 a month and 75c per hour overtime.

The Hammond bosses still live in style which they protect by wage cuts. We must protect our families from starvation by struggle. The Marine Workers Industrial Union is issuing a call to all steamshipmen to organize and fight against the wage-slashing campaign of the lumber barons.

## Shut Off Water in Homes of 75 Unem- ployed in Phoenix

PHOENIX, Ariz.—A committee of the Unemployed Council of this city, after a thorough investigation, reports that more than 75 families had their water shut off during the past few weeks. This situation is especially serious of late in the East Lake Park section.

The "Create-A-Job" outfit has been a complete flop as far as the unemployed are concerned. You must be a resident of the city for one year or more before they can even register in order to get work mowing lawns and other odd jobs. So you see when they "create a job" they are only taking the job away from the man who had it before, thus putting more men on the soup lines.

—Unemployed Worker.

## SAN DIEGO JOBLESS WIN IN FOOD FIGHT

Militant Demonstration is Staged  
in Office of the County  
Commissioner

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—After the San Diego County Welfare refused to grant food to A. M. Codwell and his family, a committee from the Unemployed Council attempted to get to the welfare commission, but were kept off.

About one hundred members of the Unemployed Council then went down to the county supervisors' chambers to demand that they instruct the welfare commission to feed the hungry family. The supervisors attempted to evade taking action, and closed the meeting abruptly. Then the crowd became militant.

The U. C. members then marched to the county welfare building and forced their way into the office of J. C. Pendleton, executive secretary of the association. The organizer of the council pounded on the desk and demanded food for those in need and stated that the workers would not leave until the demands were met. Pendleton then not only gave a grocery order for the Codwell family, but also for other families who were in need of groceries.

Police were called to the Welfare Building, but due to the militant mood of the workers no arrests were made.

## Curfew in Spokane Gives Jobless More Time to Fight Lice

SPOKANE.—The local flop-house has been able to break up its workers mass meetings to some extent, by setting a curfew hour. The bosses of "Hotel de Gink" keep us "out of mischief" during late hours by locking the door so that all good boys should be in bed fighting the man-eating bugs that infest this place.

However, the bosses are all wrong. When a worker goes to bed to scratch lice, he gets a chance to do some thinking of his own about the necessity of going to the Unemployed Council to demand unemployment insurance at full wages.

# WORKERS CORRESPONDENCE

## Coast Fishermen Impoverished by Trusts' Huge Surplus Stock

### FRESNO "BEE" IN 'GIVE JOB DRIVE' BUT IT FIRES 100

Associated Charities Try to Keep  
Workers from Getting More  
than 12½ cents Hour

FRESNO, Calif.—The hypocritical "Fresno Bee" that has been ballyhooing the "give a job campaign," just fired 100 men when it bought out the Fresno "Republican" and merged the two papers.

The Fresno Associated Charities, while its over-stuffed sponsors pat each other on the back for the "godly" work they are doing, occasionally gets the unemployed an odd job, but will not allow the worker to take more than 12½c an hour. In this way the bosses get their work done cheaply by taking full advantage of starving men, women and children. One man worked four hours cleaning up a awn. He refused to take more than 50c saying that if he took more the charities would not give him any more work.

### CUT FORCE 75%

The Sun Maid Packing Plant, largest fruit packing plant in the world, used to employ six to seven thousand men when the farmers owned it cooperatively. But the big bankers forced the co-op into bankruptcy.

The workers and farmers here understand the hypocrisy of the press and the racketeering charities. They look at the mess the capitalists have made of the Sun Maid Co-op, and are interested listening to the Communist program to abolish capitalism. No wonder one finds such a great response to the Communist election campaign meetings.

### Baseball for Hungry

SANTA CRUZ, Calif.—A large baseball park was constructed here for the purpose of drawing the dwindling tourist trade. The grafting manner in which the workers who built the ball park were gypped is interesting. They were given half their pay in money and the rest in baseball tickets! In one instance a poor Mexican worker received \$1.50 in wages and \$1.50 in baseball tickets. He has a large family who, needing food, are provided with baseball tickets!

### 'Charge It to Boss,' Say Canada Jobless After a Good Meal

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 2.—"Charge it up to the bosses." This seems to have been the slogan of the 300 unemployed workers of Ashcroft, nearby, who moved into vacant rooms which were available and ordered meals from local restaurants—and walked out.

Responding to frantic appeals of local businessmen, the government sent a detachment of 35 provincial police from Vancouver to reinforce local police.

### Cut Bank Help Wages

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—Wages of the white collared workers in the Bank of Italy here have been cut 20 per cent.

### San Jose Union Has 87; 73 Unemployed

SAN JOSE, Calif.—In the machinists local of the A. F. of L. here, there are about 87 members. Seventy-three of them are unemployed.

## ASTORIA CORRESPONDENTS SHOW WAY

Special attention by all worker correspondent clubs should be given to the article on this page concerning the fishing industry. This article represents a special effort of the Astoria workers correspondence club. Your club should make an analysis of some other industry for future issue.

The Astoria club, which meets weekly, and is made up of some of the most active workers in Astoria, is to be congratulated on this work.

Further evidence of the club's correct functioning comes in a letter from its leader containing ten subscriptions to the Western Worker.

### ORGANIZING BASE

Every member of the club is an active organizer. When an Astoria story appears it is immediately used as a base for approaching workers to join the Party, write for the paper, subscribe and come to meetings.

Have you workers in other cities and towns organized your correspondence club? The initiative must come from you. Every reader of the Western Worker should act as a worker correspondent regardless of whether it is possible to form a club. Write in your experiences regarding conditions in the shops, mines, farms and ships. Urge others to write. Send stories to Worker Correspondence Editor, WESTERN WORKER, 1164 Market St., S. F.

### Arispe, L. A. Militant, Deported to Mexico; Fight to Save 12 Held

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Jose Arispe, organizer of the Los Angeles Spanish section of the Unemployed Council and an ex-service man, has been deported to Mexico as an "undesirable alien."

Thus, as a result of the activity of the local Chamber of Commerce Arispe's wife and five young children—all born in the U. S.—are left helpless. Arispe has worked on California farms and in shops for the past 18 years and is known to thousands of Spanish-speaking workers for his militant activity.

The fate of Arispe is spurring the campaign to prevent the deportation of the 12 workers held without bail, following their arrest with scores of others during the Long Beach meeting raided by the "Red Squad."

### Astoria F. S. U. Growing Rapidly

ASTORIA, Ore.—The Friends of the Soviet Union mass meeting held in this town last Sunday at Youngs' Bay Hall, 240 Taylor Avenue, was packed to the top by the workers eager to hear about the workers' and farmers' government of Russia.

Fred Walker of Portland exposed the war plans of the imperialists, workers took the floor and exposed the role of the capitalist newspapers in laying the basis for an attack on the U. S. S. R. It was explained that workers must see through the lies of the "kept" press of the bosses and tell other workers how to defeat the bosses' plans. A strong Friends of the Soviet Union organization in this country will hinder the war plans of Wall Street and mobilize the workers to defend the Soviet Union, it was pointed out.

### L. A. NEEDLE TRADE GETS NEW PAY CUT

Boss Invites Police Chief and  
"Times" Owner for Wild  
Celebration Party

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The Chamber of Commerce has made another attack against the already low living standard in the needle trades industry.

After repeated wage cuts, the bosses have announced a new cut of 10-15%.

No reasons were given other than, "You should be glad that you are working. There are thousands of workers walking the streets offering themselves to take the job at any price!"

### BOSSSES FIND WEAKNESS

The bosses always attack at the point of least resistance. The workers cannot fight successfully as individuals because there is no opportunity to find jobs. And collectively we are weak as we are unorganized and unable to make our will respected.

One of the leading merchants had a "party" in his home on the day the wage cut was announced. The best food and drinks were served. Among the guests were the owner of the "Los Angeles Times" and the chief of Police—the two faithful watchdogs of the bosses. This is additional proof on which side the press stands, what class interests it represents and what class rule it tries to perpetuate. Also it shows whose interests the police force represents, and whose heads it clubs.

But, workers, how long?

—Worker Correspondent.

### Bury Victims of Ford-Murphy Murder



Part of the great mass funeral for the four jobless workers who were murdered by gunmen of Henry Ford and Mayor Murphy of Detroit when a demonstration of unemployed were attacked before Ford's Rouge River Plant.

## NEW SEATTLE PENNEY STORE HIRES "HOME GIRLS" AT \$9 WEEK

SEATTLE, Wash.—Working girls in Seattle are having their wages cut far below the so-called minimum wage of \$13.20 a week. Practically none except the laundry workers and some office girls are getting above that amount nowadays.

When the new Penney store opened here they wanted girls with no experience who live at home because they could pay them only \$9 a week. Rhodes' ten cent stores have laid off many girls, and have paid \$9 and \$11 a week to girls that they call "apprentices"—and it is well known that in most places they don't keep a girl after her "apprenticeship" period is over if she wants more wages.

While this wage cutting is going on, girls are made to work much faster, both those on piece work or commission work and those paid by the hour. In some of the small dress shops here the girls make from \$5 to \$10 a week and then take work home at night to do hand work or pressing in order to get done. Those who still make the "minimum" or above usually have to work twice as fast as they did before.

The Y. W. C. A., has an employment office that occasionally gets in a job (usually house-work for \$5 a month and board)—and in the afternoon they serve tea to keep up the morale, as they say, of the unemployed girls.

### Youth Defender News

A District Youth Committee of the International Labor Defense for Southern California has been established, and we are now making plans to spread youth defender activities through the district. We have one Youth Branch in Los Angeles, named after Danny Roxas, young Filipino Imperial Valley fighter, now in San Quentin. There are also two affiliated youth clubs, the "Sospeds" and "Ses" clubs.

Recently a general membership drive was held, and a great enthusiasm was shown. The SES club was presented with a red banner, being the winning club in our last two months plan of action. Good results in obtaining Criminal Syndicalism signatures, selling Labor or Defenders and getting new members were reported. The Scottsboro case was discussed and all efforts were made to push the petition drive.

Let's have some challenge from other Youth Defender groups on the Coast. We in Los Angeles are ready for some real socialist competition. Send all challenges to 120 Winston Street, Los Angeles, California.

### San Jose Readers!

Come to 81 Post Street, Wednesday, April 13, at 8 p.m., where a meeting of Western Worker readers will take place. An Editor of the Western Worker will speak. You are asked to come and give your criticism and suggestions on how to make the Western Worker better able to fulfill its role as a mass organizer for our struggles, and to build its circulation. Help to build your own paper!

## CANNERY BOSSES REFUSE TO PAY MEN ENOUGH FOR CATCH TO LIVE ON; GIVE ANALYSIS OF INDUSTRY

While Millions Go Hungry, Bosses Wait for  
War to Make Profit

ASTORIA, Ore.—As there are thousands of workers in the fishing industry who believe it is still possible to make a decent living "when times pick up," we are making this study of the industry to show that before times pick up we must do some real agitation work.

The Pacific Coast Fisheries Association holds over 3,000,000 cases of salmon in their warehouses while workers all over the world are starving. This huge store of fish makes it unnecessary for the canneries and fish-trusts to buy fish from fishermen. So the low prices we receive mean unemployment and starvation. Only by organizing can we open the warehouses and distribute this fish to hungry workers. Until then we must face misery.

### FACTS ON OVERPRODUCTION

The Pacific Coast Fisheries Association controls 69 different business concerns, 148 canneries and 85% of the entire Pacific Coast Fishing industry. The Association's report shows the following accumulation of unsold fish:

Aug. 31, 1929, 894,458 cases of salmon.  
Aug. 31, 1930, 2,157,239 cases.  
Aug. 31, 1931, 3,440,411 cases.  
Each case contains 48 one-pound cans.

Last August, the average price in Seattle market was \$7 a case. At this rate the fish trust had on hand over \$24,000,000 worth of fish. Until this surplus is liquidated and sold at a profit to the wealthy owners of the trust, the fishermen's situation will become worse and worse: less pay, more unemployment and starvation.

### MACHINERY OUSTS WORKERS

Modern machines have been installed in the trust's canneries that take the place of thousands of workers who are supposed to find jobs some place else. As there are no jobs to be found these workers must live on fishheads and charity soup.

### SURPLUS INSPIRES WAR

The big trust owners realize that a war would help them to unload their fish on the government for a big profit. So they are in favor of war. They want the workers killed by the millions fighting other workers so they can sell their fish at a profit.

It is obvious that under capitalism the position of the fisherman and cannery worker becomes increasingly unbearable. The capitalists starve us, then they shoot us. That is why the Communist Party is organizing all workers to smash capitalism.

BIOLA, Calif.—I am writing to you about conditions on a 350-acre alfalfa ranch 15 miles northwest of Fresno, Calif. That octopus of finance, the Bank of America, has squeezed the farmers out of their land and now, under the guise of the "California Lands Incorporated," operates the farms and exploits the agricultural workers.

A state of misery prevails among the workers. Seventeen cents an hour is the wage they receive. The working day is ten hours. The steady workers live in shacks that are "free." The shacks and quarters in which the men live are without showers and adequate sanitary equipment. When I say "seventeen cents an hour," remember that is without board. The workers must feed themselves on the few miserable pennies which are thrown to them for a day's work.

The ranch hands are gloomy. They eat only potatoes and macaroni. They cannot afford to buy the meats and vegetables which are necessary to keep themselves in good health. Alfalfa is harvested from five to six times a year. When hay-baling starts the work requires about 15 men. Even though the wage is seventeen cents an hour and the general conditions are terrible, men grieve from hunger and long periods of unemployment, are daily turned away by those everlasting words, "No Help Wanted."

—Farm Worker.

### Western Worker In Need of Typewriter

The Western Worker needs an additional typewriter, preferably an Underwood. Anyone willing to lend, or contribute, a machine, please write to Western Worker, 1164 Market St., San Francisco.

When these letters are received, our shop papers not only print them as "news." They point out what the workers should do; how to organize to fight their grievances. Although the "C & H Scrapper," "Pittsburg Steel Worker," and the Sacramento "R. R. Worker" have been issued for March, we haven't received copies. Send them in. Still no word from Districts 12 and 19.

## LEGION DRIVE FOR JOBS JUST ONE MORE DUD

San Jose is Scene of  
Latest Racket

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Recently the American Legion hired 30 men to go from house to house painting numerals. They were to charge 50c a job, and get 15c, the balance went for "expenses." (rackets)

One worker managed to make 50c in twelve hours of this organized begging, which is the first "big gun" of the much heralded drive of the American Legion to batter down unemployment.

### TRY TO FOOL WORKERS

As far as the workers are concerned the "first big gun" is only a cheap firecracker. The newspapers and the rich bosses still have faith in the American Legion brand of wholesale fakery, but the workers no longer have any illusions about this scheme to divert them from organizing and demanding unemployment insurance.

We want jobs, no fakery. And if the bosses can't give us jobs, we want food and rent for our families. We demand unemployment insurance, and we are organizing to get it.

## WORKERS HEALTH

### DR. ROBERT KOCH

1882-1932

By S. E. KELLY

The "benevolent" President of the U. S. has sent out a call that everybody should pay a tribute to Dr. Robert Koch, German physician, who in 1882 after many years of investigation, succeeded in isolating the tuberculosis bacilli which killed and still kills many millions of human beings yearly—and makes more millions of people unable to earn the necessities of life.

Yes, we workers can pay tribute to that man, because he was a great man and his contribution to the medical science is almost as big as Lenin's contribution to social science.

In 1882 when he isolated the T. B. bacilli, the medical world did not know the cause of tuberculosis, but started to study the peculiarities of the bacilli, and investigate ways of destroying the bacilli.

After 8 years of study, in 1890, he discovered a material which he called Tuberculin, that he hoped would kill the bacilli. But further investigation convinced him that this was not the case; but that if he injected it in a human being, it gave a different reaction to persons having T. B. than to persons not having T. B. With this he gave to the medical science a method by which we can detect the T. B.; there are very few other signs by which to detect the disease.

This is very important at the present time. We can now cure T. B. almost 100 per cent if it is not very far advanced, or better, we could cure it if the present capitalist system enabled us to.

And the question presents itself, under the present system, can we exploit Dr. Koch's contribution to the world? Did this great discovery benefit humanity? Some say, "Yes," but if we think a little, we must say, "Not much."

Those capitalists who own large commercial sanatoriums will say, "Yes," because if this would not be, how could they charge \$35 to \$100 a week for rest, food and sunshine.

Superintendents of charity institutions will say, "Yes" For where could they get their \$300-\$600 monthly salaries for doing almost nothing, except by exploiting the workers and nurses, etc. for \$20-\$50 a month and a little food?

Robert Koch's contribution will be used for the common good only under a system where the workers will not be driven to kill each other, but will help one another to build the future world. Koch's contribution will be appreciated by mothers who will be happy that their children are cured from T. B. and will be secure (will not be slaughtered by imperialist robbers). Yes, the masses will be happy that a Robert Koch lived because they will get help in a workers' society and not be dependent upon charity. The billions of dollars which are now spent for killing will be spent for workers' and farmers' sanatoriums and vacation homes.

We should organize and fight in order to abolish this rotten system. Then the new society will know Robert Koch's T. B. bacilli and that collective society will not raise T. B. bacilli for imperialist war purposes, but will kill the bacilli and will keep Robert Koch's name alive.

## Our Shop Papers

Here are some facts given in letters from shop workers to our shop papers:

"THE WHISTLE," March 1932 issue.  
Southern Pacific Shops, Oakland.

"The Community Chest paid us a visit in the shop, not to see how we are getting along but to force us to pay at least \$1 or more out of our starvation wages."

"We want to thank you all for your kindness and support to the 'WHISTLE.' \$1.55 was contributed (at the gate) when the Feb. issue came out. This helps make the present issue possible."

"A Pullman woman was fired on the pretense of insanity. She worked for the Co. for 12-14 years and gave the best of her young energy to the Co. Now, instead of giving her a pension she is fired and told that she is mentally unfit."

"Four S. P. workers have subscribed to the 'WHISTLE!' That's the way to make the paper grow."

"HEADLIGHT," March 1932 issue.  
Southern Pacific Shops, San Francisco

"We workers in the Bay Shore shops have every day news, but very bad news. Only a little while ago a worker from the plane mill cut his hand. He is only a helper and was doing a job of a skilled worker. He is working for half the price; that is why the boss gave him a mechanic's job. The bosses are using every method to exploit the worker. We must have our own, a workers' union to fight against such things."

"Headlight" received the following in a letter from the workers in the Locomotive Association, Charkov, in the Ukraine (Soviet Russia). "Our plant has greatly grown during the existence of the Soviet Power. The number of workers employed in the plant increased from 5,000 to 22,000. Production increased five times. We are all given a chance to study at the Workers' Faculties (workers' colleges)."

—Headlight's answer will appear in its next issue.



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### Unemployed Form Communist Unit to Fight Starvation

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—The unemployed workers of this city presented demands for jobs to the Board of Supervisors in the form of a petition signed by 400 unemployed workers demanding the appropriation of money for jobs.

The local politicians were so frightened by the rising protest that they called a special session on Monday and passed an appropriation for \$6000 for "Social Service Purposes," a polite name for starvation charity rations.

#### THIS IS NOT ENOUGH

All winter the various committees have been fooling around with unemployment relief. The American Legion has added to the general smoke-screen to prevent the workers from organizing and getting relief with their new penny ante "give a job" campaign. Even Captain Macauley has admitted that there are 1403 unemployed in this county; 1090 married men, 91 single men and 22 women. These figures do not include South San Francisco, Colma, Daly City and several other towns. Besides these figures are probably minimized to hide the truth from the workers. Captain Macauley has admitted to

the capitalist press that many children are undernourished, which means starvation in polite capitalist language.

The workers have shown their disgust for the capitalist tools that daily daily white workers' families are starving by forming a Communist Party Unit to further organize the workers in their struggle for existence. An Unemployed Council is being formed to force the bosses to give us jobs, immediate relief and unemployment insurance.

### Sacramento Jobless Fruit Workers Beat Camp Eviction Plan

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masse until the decision to feed the families was received.

Later the campers were told to pack up and leave in three days. The Charities offered to pay gas to make it seem they were "considerate." A few families fell for this. The others sent a committee to see the city manager, forcing him to give an extension of time to four weeks before they would decide whether they would leave or not.

Capitalism breeds wars. To abolish wars we must abolish capitalism—Join the Communist Party.

### FIGHT WAR PLANS AT BIG WESTERN DEMONSTRATIONS

Japan Menaces Soviet Union;  
Opens New Assault On  
Chinese Masses

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the Soviet Union. The conference will be held on Sunday morning, April 10, at 10:30, at Equity Hall, 141 Albion Street (near 16th and Valencia).

In a call sent to all trade union groups of the A. F. of L., fraternal, language and other organizations the purpose of the conference is stated as:

(1) To confront the American working-class organizations with the menace of war; (2) with the danger of intervention against the Soviet Union; (3) with the actual attack on the Chinese Soviet districts; (4) to organize a permanent body to call together and mobilize the masses of workers of San Francisco.

#### MOBILIZE TROOPS AGAINST U. S. S. R.

HARBIN, April 5.—Continued mobilization of Japanese troops on the Soviet frontier is giving the lie to Japanese-inspired foreign office dispatches denying these activities. At the same time these Japanese imperialists are attempting to cover up their hostile movements in the direction of the Soviet Union by "official" stories being circulated that the U. S. S. R. was "erecting semi-permanent entrenched fortifications" along the Siberian border.

#### ADMIT ATTACK PLANS

The American capitalist press continues to carry numerous frank admissions that the Japanese are planning to attack the Soviet Union. Dispatches received from their correspondents carry brazen statements by various Japanese military leaders calling for an assault upon the U. S. S. R. The Soviet government has made no secret of the fact that it has strengthened its frontier garrisons to meet the Japanese threats, at the same time exposing the provocations of the imperialists.

#### JAPAN IN NEW ATTACK

SHANGHAI, April 3.—Sharp fighting broke out in the vicinity of Chia Wang Miao on Soochow Creek yesterday as a result of a new attack which the Japanese launched against the Chinese forces which were driven out of Shanghai.

The attack was carried out in order to enforce Japanese demands calling for occupation of Chapei and the countryside adjacent, Hongkew, Kiangwan, Woosung, Paoshan and a strip of territory along the Whangpoo River.

It is pointed out that this would give Japan control of the mouth of the Yangtze River and aid in establishing a military base from which to attack the growing Chinese Soviet districts in the interior.

While the Japanese have been forced to admit that they still have more than 50,000 troops in Shanghai, the number is said to be closer to 30,000.

### Call for a United Front in Painters' Fight on Pay Cuts

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#### HINDER UNITED FRONT

"Can we win our fight if our ranks continue to be split. We cannot. Only if we rank and file painters, irrespective of whether we are affiliated or unaffiliated, get together in a real united front will we be able to carry through any militant action to improve conditions.

"Who stands in the way of this united front? The bureaucratic officials of the A. F. of L., who are opposed to militant action. The united front is also hindered by the Fleming clique, who are continuing their splitting tactics and opposing the policy of uniting all workers for common struggle.

"The Trade Union Unity League is out to unite all painters for a militant fight against the wage cut. We propose that rank and file delegations from the A. F. of L. locals as well as the National Painters' Local get together in a real united front committee.

#### CALL MASS MEETING

"We are calling a mass meeting on Wednesday, April 13, at 1507 Eddy Street, corner Fillmore, San Francisco, to discuss this question. "Come and bring your fellow-workers. Let's get together for a real militant fight to restore the \$9.00 scale. Don't let the bureaucrats stand in the way of your attending this meeting and getting together.

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## Workers Sports

### Richmond Field Day

Labor Sports Field Day will be held on Sunday, April 17, at East Shore Park, Richmond

This year the Labor Sports field day will be a feature of the Communist Party annual picnic to be held April 17, all day, at East Shore Park, Richmond.

This day is propaganda day for the Workers' Sports organizations of San Francisco and Oakland. Those eager to take part in the following events are asked to communicate with the Workers' Sports Club, Tuesdays, 8 P. M., at 29 Plint Street, or the Workers' Center, 1164 Market Street—in Oakland, at 1020 Broadway, 2nd Floor.

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#### FOR WOMEN:

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Baseball Throw

#### FOR CHILDREN:

Games

A special attraction will be a baseball game between Oakland and San Francisco.

### Dance, April 16

The San Francisco Sports Club is giving a dance on Saturday, April 16, at 1164 Market Street.

This dance is arranged to raise funds to carry on the campaign for the International Workers' Athletic Meet in Chicago in July, 1932. While the capitalist officials are arranging the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, receive millions from the government to carry on their activities, the workers' organizations are arranging the Workers' Athletic Meet in Chicago, must get their support from the workers all over the country. All are therefore urged to come to this dance. Admission 25c. There will be good music and lots of eats.

A special attraction is a boxing bout, held by members of the Workers' Sports Club.

### Basketball

Playing the first game of the season at San Pablo Park in Berkeley, the Hi-D "Casaba Tossers" trounced the Berkeley "Clucks." An important factor of the "Clucks" defeat was their lack of substitutes, as they held their toes to an 8 to 8 score at half-time, but from then were able to get one point the remainder of the game. The score at the final whistle was 25 to 9.

## SIDELIGHTS

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Do you still believe in democracy as practiced by the capitalists?

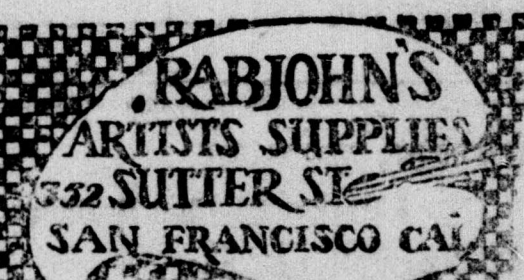
The defense spent four weeks in explaining the science of Marxism-Leninism. Despite any previous prejudices, judge, jury, and court-room listened to every word. At the close of the summary speeches of the defense it was impossible to restrain the applause. Altogether there were about 125 exhibits including several basic Communist text books. At least 5,000 different people heard various parts or all of the trial personally. The whole town was discussing our platform by the time the trial was over. It is estimated that altogether it cost the city of Long Beach between \$20,000 and \$40,000 to carry through these proceedings.

#### ERRORS IN REPORTING TRIAL

One difficult feature of the trial was the misquotations and false reports published by friendly newspapers and even our own press, largely because of bad reporting. This is especially true of quotations concerning parliamentary action, force and violence, etc. The Open Forum, organ of the Civil Liberties Union published an article by Dr. Shoaf, who was very friendly throughout and did much to help publicize the trial, in which article there is reported some "quotations" from Darcy's speech. Dr. Shoaf was unfortunately not present at the closing sessions and got the quotations second hand. They are wrong. Even the Daily Worker quoted, "The reason that it would be a catastrophe to call together the California Legislature is because it is a working class legislature." This is obviously hopelessly garbled thru a technical error. There were so many such that it is useless to try to correct each one separately. In the near future we hope to print the speech in full.

#### MUST FREE 10 STILL IN JAIL

There are still 9 workers (of the original 45 defendants) in jail on deportation charges, two of them having been just freed on bail, and one, Arispe, having been deported to Mexico. They have already spent three and one half months in jail. Thruout the trial they carried on with splendid militancy. The Western Worker is justly proud to be engaged in the fight with such fine working-class fighters. But we must take them out of jail and put them back on the firing line. Every worker and sympathizer can help. Send a donation at once to the International Labor Defense, 120 Winston St., Los Angeles.



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### Anger of Masses In West Grows Against Scottsboro Verdict

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to the custody of the immigration officials for deportation."

The I. L. D. is now waging a fight against this victimization which, in Horvich's case, it is certain death at the hands of the bloody Japanese fascists if he is deported there.

#### TO EXPOSE FRAME-UP

Bringing the story of the attempted judicial murder of the Scottsboro defendants to workers and farmers of Southern California, Frank Spector, district organizer of the I. L. D., is now on tour addressing meetings on "The Mooney and Scottsboro Frame-ups."

Meetings have been arranged in the following cities: Santa Barbara, April 7, 8; Los Angeles, April 9, 10; San Diego, Woodbine Hall, April 11, 12; Long Beach, April 13; Bakersfield, April 14, 15.

#### MEETINGS CALLED

The I. L. D. has now launched a campaign in behalf of the Scottsboro boys, which is to result in recruitment of Negro workers into the I. L. D., cement the solidarity of the black and white workers and strengthen the national and international United Front to save the Scottsboro boys from the electric chair.

On Tuesday, April 5, three meetings will be held in the San Francisco Negro neighborhood—open air on Fillmore and Ellis and Fillmore and O'Farrell, at 7 p.m.; indoor at 1740 O'Farrell Street, at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the I. L. D. and Provisional Committee of League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

An I. L. D. branch bearing the name of Roy Peterson (one of the Scottsboro boys) has been recently organized in that territory. A drive will be made to swell the ranks of this new branch as a result of these activities.

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### "Sandler-for-Mayor" Campaign is Growing

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inevitable not only under the Porter administration, but under any administration when those in office represent the interests of the ruling boss class.

"Thousands of workers are facing starvation, families are being evicted for non-payment of rent and fake relief agencies plead lack of funds—and at the same time thousands of dollars are being juggled by our judges," Sandler continued. Breadlines grow longer. Flophouses are filled to overflowing. And our public officials line their pockets with graft."

Sandler, who is running on the regular Communist Party election platform, calls for unemployment insurance and immediate cash relief for all unemployed workers, and demands the immediate dissolution of the Los Angeles "Red Squad," which has been used by the Cossack Porter administration to club men, women and children and railroad them to jail.

Contrasting the standard of living of workers of Los Angeles with the luxury in which the graft-fattened public officials live, Sandler pointed to "Hoovertown," a barren tract of land on the edge of the industrial section of Los Angeles, where about one hundred and fifty families live in crude tents and shacks. "These workers, all unemployed, have lost all their possessions, have been evicted from their homes and are forced to grub for food as best they can. They have no water and no sanitation of any sort. The men make the rounds of the fruit and vegetable markets and pick up whatever stuff has been discarded as unfit to sell. This is a picture of prosperity for the workers. A vote for a workingclass candidate—one nominated by the Communist Party—is a protest against such miserable conditions."

Sufficient signatures have already been collected to put Sandler on the ballot in the special recall election. Five hundred are required. Workers of Los Angeles are pushing the Sandler-for-Mayor signature drive with the aim of getting the maximum number of signatures which may be submitted, 1,000. These will be filed by April 6th.

Workers of Los Angeles are rallying around the Sandler-for-Mayor campaign as an effective protest against hunger and wage cuts, against police brutality, the flophouse and the breadline. Sandler himself has a long record of struggle against capitalist class oppression and has been active for many years in Los Angeles in workers' fights for a higher standard of living.

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## With the Young Workers

### SEATTLE NEARLY DOUBLES MEMBERSHIP IN DRIVE; SHOP UNIT IN ABERDEEN

The Seattle district of the Young Communist League came into the recruiting drive with unlimited enthusiasm. Of the two Leagues on the West Coast, California is the larger district. However, this did not bother the Seattle comrades. They issued a challenge for the fulfillment of the recruiting and accepted the challenge of California to build two shop units before Seattle build their five, and also get 1,000 members into the Labor Sports Union.

Seattle started with a membership of 62 and is working to obtain 168 new members up to April 22. So far they have made 51, about 30% of their quota. But Seattle has nearly doubled its membership.

#### FIRST Y. C. L. SHOP UNIT IN ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN, Wash., is building its first Y. C. L. shop unit. This is not a mere accident. It is the result of years of day-to-day work. Back in 1928 they started with a shop paper at the company, with contacts inside, and kept it up for some time. Because they failed to get immediate results they dropped the shop paper, which, of course, was wrong.

The mill is now working part time, and is threatened with a wage cut almost any time. The task is to organize the young workers and to prepare them for the coming struggles against this wage cut and on their immediate demands.

#### EUREKA LEAGUE UNIT EXPOSES WHITE GUARDIST OUTFIT

The League unit is exposing the Finnish Brotherhood Society, by revealing the fact that they were sending money to the White Guards in Finland. This organization poses as "non-political," but in their paper, "The Industrialist," they spread slanderous lies about the U. S. S. R. Every unit and Youth Club should follow this example by exposing these activities of boss-controlled organizations.

### Delegates Map Out Plans to Advance Signature Drive

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managing editor of the Western Worker.

#### ENTHUSIASM GROWS

Reports arriving in campaign headquarters tell of growing activity in the places where campaign meetings have already been held, including Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Eureka and Ft. Bragg. Groups of workers are systematically canvassing workingclass sections everywhere and redoubling their efforts as the time approaches when the 23,000 signatures must be in. Mc Kendrick is well known in the west and particularly along the Coast, having been active for many years among the boilermakers of Seattle, Tacoma and other cities.

Workers in the towns to be visited during the next few weeks are planning to mobilize to collect thousands of signatures.

(Full list of tour dates of Mc Kendrick and Branch will be found elsewhere in this issue).

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## EDITORIAL COLUMN

## MATERIAL FOR NEW FRAME-UP!

A character calling himself John Shara announced that he overheard a conversation in a San Francisco movie theatre of four men who were planning to kill Mayor Rossi. That the man is a lunatic is obvious from his statements that the Mayor of Seattle in 1924 hired him to "shoot bugs with a shotgun." But the city officials saw a chance to play heroes. So the police, to the tune of grinding movie cameras "protected" the Mayor, his wife, children, etc.

The whole thing seemed rather ridiculous so a good excuse for it had to be found. Rossi therefore issued a statement that "he recalled that he had been annoyed by Communists importuning him for permission to use the Civic Auditorium for meetings and that the situation had become increasingly difficult," and, continued the Mayor:

"In these times it is wise to take precautions—especially with my four grandchildren in the house. It is possible that some fanatic might actually try to plant a bomb."

Of all the miserable and contemptible things which have been done by the San Francisco City Administration this is without doubt the prize.

## THEY PASS THE BUCK

The Unemployed Councils, fighting to get food, clothing and decent houses to sleep in for tens of thousands of starving women and children demanded the use of the Civic Auditorium for a meeting where the Governor would be asked to hear the appalling conditions existing. Rossi and other city officials kept passing the buck until the unemployed workers were thoroughly convinced nothing would be done. The mayor's conscience must be bothering him for he tries to blame upon these workers the ravings of a lunatic to which only a degenerate and thoroughly frightened capitalist politician would listen.

The whole thing would be laughable were it not that U. S. working class history is replete with frame-ups of militant mass leaders based on just such stories as the above. Tom Mooney, convicted on the evidence of a dope fiend, a diseased prostitute and similar characters is still in jail, framed when the anti-war movement was reaching great volume and militancy. Sacco and Vanzetti, Moyer, Pettibone and Haywood, and a host of others were victims of similar frame-ups.

## WORKERS MURDERED

That the bosses are again trying such methods is evidence of their panic in the face of the rising tide of working class revolt. Murders of workers by government officials have increased in the past three years to studied practice. Levy, Gonzales, Katovis; then the Chicago killings; the Cleveland shootings; Harry Simms in the South; the most recent murders at the Ford factory in Detroit are some outstanding examples. To excuse the wanton massacring of workers the capitalists cry "the Communists are using terror."

Just because we are faced with such a situation, revolutionary workers must take greater measures than ever to strengthen our ranks for mass struggle. The method of individual terror, against capitalist terror, can only destroy the growing ranks of revolutionary workers. Only some petty-bourgeois elements, driven to despair by their own ignorance and lack of courage in the face of great difficulties, will advocate or resort to such methods. These will only aid the stool-pigeons of the police to ply their filthy trade in our ranks. They must be driven from our movement without hesitation.

## FOR MASS REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE

In the face of the greatest provocations we must increase our determination to mass revolutionary struggle; to the main task before us of winning the majority of the working class through day to day struggle for partial economic and political demands; to winning the allies of the workers—the poor farmers, the lower and uncorrupted strata of the intellectuals and even the pauperized middle class elements; we must, in a word, keep to the Leninist line and avoid the pitfalls of anarchism.

We must strengthen our leader, the Communist Party, winning more recruits, through getting more subscribers to the Western Worker and Daily Worker, and through avoiding loose talk about organization affairs. This last is a disease especially common to social centers for militants such as cooperative restaurants, summer camps, etc. In the February 1st issue of the "Communist International" this question is put very sharply in an article called "The Struggle against the Provocateur."

"An irreconcilable struggle must be waged against talkativeness. It is important that all Party members and this applies equally to so-called legal as well as illegal parties, should realize that talkativeness is the most dangerous enemy to the revolutionary cause, bordering on downright treachery. An incorrigible chatterbox has no place in a revolutionary Party."

Communists have nothing to hide. Our Marxist-Leninist views are our greatest public asset. But the boss class aim to victimize individuals, members, especially leaders, either through sheer gangster methods or frame-up. In either case their aids are scraps of information, gathered up in conversation frequently overheard.

We answer the terror with greater determination to mass struggle. Nothing must take us off the path of Leninism!

## ON GOING TO THE SOVIET UNION!

The WESTERN WORKER is deluged with requests for information by workers, disgusted with capitalism, who want to go to the U. S. S. R. to stay. Many of these requests are made without any thought of personal gain. They are made by workers who want to serve the Soviet Union, no matter what hardship or personal sacrifice may be required.

Such workers are often surprised at the attitude of the WESTERN WORKER, which discourages emigrating.

There are important tasks to be accomplished here in the United States. Not to run away from our problems, but to face them and conquer—that's the revolutionary spirit in the tradition of Marx and Lenin. Not to be overwhelmed with disgust for capitalism but to expose its evils and be strong in the revolutionary struggle against them; not to be crushed by the insecurity of life, but to mobilize our fellow workers and oppressed peoples generally in the fight for a workers' and farmers' government which will mean security.

Certainly there is no worker anywhere who isn't thrilled at the thought of seeing Socialist construction in the workers' fatherland. But if every militant worker who can gather sufficient money for one-way fare goes to the U. S. S. R., the struggle of those remaining is weakened. This only hurts the Soviet Union. In organized fashion, working class delegations should be elected to go to the U. S. S. R. to watch the 5-year plan in operation and bring back reports. We all want to see the First Workers' Republic, but if it is to weaken the fight here by so much as a shade we should stay here and see the Soviet Union thru the eyes of a workers' delegation.

One delegation is leaving for the May 1st celebration. Watch it closely through the militant labor press. Learn of the achievements of collectivization and socialization through this delegation. But hold your posts in the struggle here. If you haven't a post join the revolutionary ranks and have one assigned to you. Defend the Soviet Union by fighting to overthrow capitalism and establish a workers' and farmers' government in this country.

## The Signature Drive—A Smashing Blow Against Hunger and War

BY KIRBY.



## May 1st and Traditions of the West

## Early Struggles for the Eight-Hour Day; the Present Fight Against Hunger, War

## PERIOD OF STRIKES

The two decades from 1866 to 1886 were a period of rapid capitalist consolidation carried on at the expense of the working class—a period of concentration in which bribery and thievery on a large scale played a tremendous role. Strikes were breaking out with increasing numbers and were growing in militancy and strength. The Pennsylvania railway strike and the struggle in Homestead, Pa., in 1877 are good examples of this fighting temper of the workers at that time.

Struggle, more intense struggle, is the answer of the workers of the state in the face of these conditions and in defiance of the terror of the capitalist government. And this year May Day will be marked by gigantic and spirited demonstrations, parades and mass meetings in the West and throughout the country.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

What is the significance and the historical background of May 1?

May Day became an international fighting day for the working class as a result of the struggle for the eight-hour day in the United States, which culminated in the general strike on May 1, 1886, centering in Chicago, the arrest of eight leaders of the workers and the judicial murder of five of them following the bomb explosion in Haymarket Square while a huge mass meeting was being held.

As in the Mooney frame-up—the explosion is commonly believed to have been the work of an agent-provocateur and was used as an excuse by the boss class and its agents to revenge themselves upon the workers and check the growing mass movement.

## EIGHT-HOUR STRUGGLE

And May Day, which originated with the struggle for the eight-hour day, has long since been betrayed by the misleaders of American labor. Working together with the Wall Street government, the A. F. of L. substituted Labor Day in September for the revolutionary workers' holiday, May 1. To this time, however, the chief observers of Labor Day are the bankers, manufacturers and the labor fakers who usually celebrate the day in army camps and millionaire hotels. To the great mass of workers it is merely "a day off"—that is, where it is allowed among those who still have jobs.

The capitalist class of the U. S., through its government, has made a long series of attempts to take May 1 away from the workers as a day of militant struggle. When this generation was still young, May 1 was declared to be "Dewey Day" in commemoration of the butcher of colonial workers during the war of 1898. More recently May 1 has been declared Child Health Day in a land where one out of every four children is admitted by government statistics to be under-nourished.

Every May Day now sees increasing millions, led by the workers of the Soviet Union, thundering along the streets demonstrating international revolutionary solidarity. In the U. S., similarly, each year showed the growth of the strength

of the working class under the leadership of the Communist Party.

## TRADITIONS OF WEST

And in the West hundreds of thousands of workers will demonstrate their growing power, and their determination to fight wage-cuts, for better conditions, for unemployment insurance, against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

In "Bloody Butte" the miners will recall the fiendish murder of Frank Little and show their fighting spirit.

Imperial Valley toilers! Down tools on May Day! Leave the sun-parched desert and demand the release of the leaders of the 1930 struggle now buried alive in San Quentin and Folsom prisons!

San Pedro dock workers! Show your bosses you have not forgotten that little children were dipped in boiling coffee urns by Hammon's hired thugs, and crippled for life!

Workers of Utah, remember the judicial murder of Joe Hill, singer of revolutionary songs, who said, "Don't mourn for me, organize," before the bosses' firing squad.

Lumber workers of the Northwest, remember the diabolical lynching of Wesley Everett—remember the wasted years spent by the Centralia boys in Walla Walla penitentiary, and those yet remaining.

Demonstrate under the red banner of the revolutionary working class on May 1! Down tools! On to the streets demanding unemployment insurance, for a relentless fight against wage-cuts and imperialist war!



THE SOVIET UNION STANDS FOR PEACE—Workers Library Publishers. For sale at all workers' bookshops at one cent per copy.

"The Soviet Union Stands for Peace" is the title of the new pamphlet just published by the Workers' Library Publishers, giving the electrifying speech delivered by Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs at the Geneva Disarmament Conference in February. This 16-page pamphlet sells for one cent per copy.

Litvinov, representing the Soviet Union at the conference clearly demonstrated that the Soviet Union wants peace, clearly demonstrated that the workers of the world want peace, and just as clearly demonstrated that the capitalist governments are not striving for peace, but are conducting a war for partition of China and laying plans for intervention against the Chinese Soviets and the U. S. S. R.

THE SOCIALIST RECONSTRUCTION OF MOSCOW AND OTHER CITIES IN THE U. S. S. R.—By L. M. Kaganovich (Co-operative Publishing Society, Moscow).

This important book reviews present accomplishments and traces both the broad and specific problems of constructing and reconstructing socialist cities in their relation to the whole of Soviet economy. The city, as stated in the Party resolution on Kaganovich's report, is to be transformed "from a supplementary means of exploiting the laboring masses into an organization for satisfying their material and cultural requirements." To do this, the antagonism of city and country must be, and is being broken down, as Marx, Engels, and Lenin pointed out, by identifying the interests of rural and urban populations, through the medium of cooperative labor effort by city worker and peasant toward the goal of common good.

To bring all this about is a tremendous task, but no one need to be frightened because of it. The

capacity of the liberated working masses, under the sound leadership of the Party has already accomplished so much, that success in the future is guaranteed.

OREGON DETOUR.—(Payson & Clark). By Nard Jones.

In this novel of the wheat country, the author, Nard Jones, exhibits the defective materialism of Herbert Spencer that was so welcomed by English nineteenth century industrialism, because his distortion of Darwinism afforded the industrialist a "scientifically moral" justification of a capitalist rapacity. The victim of disease and starvation thus had no one to blame but himself, because his exploitation and ultimate death proved him one who must fall by the rule of the survival of the fittest. This whitewashing philosophy Jones applied to economic struggle in the wheat country by attempting to demonstrate that the individual's inability to survive proves his innate unfitness to live. To particularize: Rotten meat that would kill a man will fatten a maggot; ergo, the maggot is superior to man. Such is the reasoning of this magnificent "scientific" morality. This whole thing is epitomized in Jones' declaration that "In conquering nature, man was helping her better than he knew. He was helping her to weed the wheat from the wheat lands." Lester Adams was weak then; he made himself unfit for Creston by seeking knowledge at the state university. Peg Nettleship was weak; she lost her life in frantic search for an existence more complete than offered by farm drudgery. That was nature weeding the weak from the wheat lands.

The novel illustrates another fundamental aspect in Jones' social philosophy. He fails to orient the wheat farmer toward any economic situation other than his immediate own. Creston is an isolated fragment within which the author sees no stratification of social classes.

## MOVIE REVIEWS

THE LOST SQUADRON—Orpheum Theater.

This is a picture of "stunt flying." As such, it is drawing thrills from the Orpheum. But it has, interwoven in spectacular "shots" of aviators plunging to fiery deaths, a definite propaganda viewpoint.

Firstly, it tells its audience, "You can't keep a good man down." Down on your luck? Out of a job? Starving? Well, take a look at these ex-army flyers, without a dime in their pockets, but soon to bust through to glory and a bank account.

Secondly, it suggests—and not too subtly at that—that the recent imperialist butchery known as the "Great War," resulted in unlimited gallantry, heroism and self-sacrifice (and where do you suppose?) among the officers! "Not a war picture," says the publicity blurb in front of the theater. BUT THEY LIE.

Conscious of the growing disillusionment with capitalism among millions, the picture makes a feeble attempt at "social criticism," but it is weak and misleading. Example: An ex-war aviator is swindled—not by the American imperialist government, however, but by a crooked partner.

There's a pot-shot, too, at the movie directors who force stunt fliers to take terrific risks in old, inefficient planes, and who look upon a few crashes and three or four deaths as "all in a day's work." real for the director to show.

But Hollywood is careful to make its point: Von Furst, the villain-director, with his ridiculous pomposity, his fiendish treatment of his stunt-fliers, is not one of Hollywood's "reputable" directors, but is a hireling of an INDEPENDENT film concern.

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KILLING TO LIVE.—Soviet Sound Film—Reviewed by Philip Mason, John Reed Club of Hollywood.

"Killing to Live" is a valuable and instructive document on wild animal life. Its stark and simple theme is the survival of the fittest and the struggle for existence. Nature is the scene, and the camera records faithfully. While the vivid realities of a snake eating a frog, of a mongoose crunching the snake in its strong jaws, of a field rat dying of thirst in a parched field, of a thousand animals trapped by fire, pass before your eyes, the narrator in somber style emphasizes the cold inflexible laws of nature.

Flux and reflux, life and death and life again, copulation and birth, summer and winter, the isolated scenes take on a profound actuality by their mounting, and the spectator becomes aware of the very essence of reality. Unlike the evasive unrealities of American films in general, and quite different from such frauds as AFRICA SPEAKS, no scenes become too real for the director to show.

## Lenin On Workers' Press

But the role of a (Communist) paper is not confined solely to the spreading of ideas, to political education and procuring political allies. A paper is not merely a collective propagandist and collective agitator. It is also a collective organizer. In that respect it must be compared with the scaffolding that is constructed around a building, which makes the contours of the future structure and facilitates communication between the builders, permitting them to distribute the work and to view the common results achieved by their organized labor.

With the aid, and around a paper, there will automatically develop an organization which will be concerned not only with local activities, but also in regular general work; which will teach its members carefully to watch political events, to estimate their importance and their influence on the various sections of the population, and to devise suitable methods for influencing these events thru the revolutionary party.

From "Where to Begin?" published in "Iskra" (May, 1901).

## WORKERS ORGANIZATION

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEEDING CALIFORNIA SIGNATURE DRIVE

Resulting from the general discussion at the recent United Front Election Conference held in San Francisco, the following recommendations have been issued to speed up the task of collecting 23,000 signatures necessary to place the Communist Party of California on the ballot:

## IMMEDIATE TASKS

1. Weekly conferences to be held in each city, consisting of representatives of trade unions, mass organizations and individual workers participating in the drive, for the purpose of checking up on the number of signatures collected and to map out further plans.
2. All petitions containing more than 40 signatures to be turned over to local campaign manager.
3. Mass organizations and trade unions to be visited in each town.
4. A systematic house-to-house collection of signatures.

5. Territories to be divided into precincts and a thorough canvass to be made.

6. Committee to be assigned to canvass for signatures at all street, mass and factory meetings.

7. Each organization to establish a special committee to check up on the number of signatures collected, and to involve all its members in the task.

8. Unemployed workers to be assigned to collect signatures in the streets, parks and union halls, for which they should be supplied with some means of subsistence.

9. In farming districts, comrades to be assigned to visit from farm to farm. Signatures to be collected in all farm centers.

10. Placards and signs with slogans urging that Party be put on the ballot be displayed at all street, mass meetings and in all available halls.

11. All leaflets issued by organizations to be blocked out, calling upon workers to sign petitions of the Party.

THE PETITION MUST BE SIGNED WITH INDELIBLE PENCIL OR INK. All signers must sign petitions exactly as they have registered.

The Conference decided to draw up a State Election Platform, which will be printed for wide distribution and will also appear in an early issue of the Western Worker.

The campaign for the collection of the signatures, it must be understood, is a task of the foremost importance. Not only will it make the

Party a legal party, entitling us to the use of public schools and public buildings during the campaign, but will help to place our program of struggle before thousands of exploited and unemployed workers and farmers of the state of California.

## WOULD BE ACHIEVEMENT

The instructions of the conference must be put into life at once. There is less than one month to collect nearly 20,000 signatures. The delegates were confident that with the widest participation of all available forces and increased enthusiasm we can achieve our aim. Let us hear from you.

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